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# Friendship!

"Better far than gold or jewels,
In the night of grief and pain,
To the thought, through joy or sorrow,
One true friend will still remain.

Many friend may gather round us,
In the day of wealth and power,
But, alas, how few the number,
In adversity's dark hour.

And if ever are our pathway,
Shines prosperity's bright sun,
Swiftly comes to us the knowledge,
We some noble heart have won.

Yet that loved one may forsake us,
For another held more dear,
Leaving only sad, sweet memories,
All our after life to cheer.

And the wealth that once was ours,
Vanished with the summer's bloom;
While the years that pass so swiftly,
Bring life's autumn fraught with gloom

When love's passionate dream is over,
And our youth forever fled,
With the hopes that makes us gladsome
Like spring violets crushed and dead,

Through the clouds that darkly lower,
As this weary world we roam,
Faithful friendship, like the Iris,
Tells of brighter days to come."

Isaac T. Coffins Journal
For the Year 1870

I wish every body a happy New year, for I am tolerable happy myself. I have kept a sort of Diary & Journal for several years past and have become somwhat interested in it, and think I shall continue doing so during the rest of my life, but I am too poor to buy a nice book for that purpose, therefore I take this (by confiscation) an old Ledger formerly used by the "Sons of Temperance" Division formerly existing at Dutch Flat, and "pitered out" several years ago, myself being worthy Patriarch at the time, and this book has been laying about my rooms ever since, being used by the Amateur Dramatics, and various other purposes, and I reckon this is the best use that ever was or will be made of it. I do not keep this Journal to show off my good writing or composition, but mearly for my own instruction, pleasure, referance, and edification &c etc. Had I time I would like to write out my own history, and may at some future time, but cant now; I shall only give my present situation and circumstances. I have a wife aged 27 years, a step son and daughter aged respectively 8½ and 5½ years. Property two houses, and one old miners cabin at Dutch Flat, and all the Instruments and fixtures of the D. F. Photograph Gallery. One half of the D. F. but J. T. Mathewson has a deed of it to prevent creditors from crowding me so that I should be in any danger of loosing it, having got myself financially overload

Georgetown Eldorado co. 1869

Mrs. J. Fulwiler

Miss Ella Motter

Jan. 2 I think my outstanding indebtedness altogether is about $1500.00 which I shall do well to pay during the next two years time — I forgot to mention that I own 3/8 of the Texas Diggins Ditch but it is not worth anything to me, or any body else, that I know of, and but a very poor prospect of it ever becoming so. — Yesterday I went to Alta to the Turkey shooting match, and I got one nice turkey, at a cost of $2.50 besides my time. Cheap enough. — Weather clear and pleasent, with indications of an unusualy dry winter, which will be bad for the miners, for many of them are anxously waiting for water. —

" 9 Weather still clear and pleasent, which is good for my photograph business only my customers (the miners) cant pay, so I also want to see rain come.
Wednesday evening last Olive Lodge No 8 I.O.O.F. of this place installed its officers for the ensuing term, myself being made left supporter to the N.G. and one of the Finance committee. —
Friday evening last I walked to Gold Run on the Railroad, luging a large frame of specimen photographs that I hung up in the Gold Run Post Office for an advertisment, after which I visited Gold Run Lodge No 139 - I.O.O.F. and assisted to install their officers than walked home again, arriving at about midnight, having got a bad cold by the cold night air. — —
Bro. J. H. Davidson from Iowa Hill is on a visit with me, for old acquaintance

Elias L. Crampton
Photographer
Georgetown
Col.

F. H. Doan

" Willie

Mrs. H. H. Halsey

Miss. Mary Cook

Mrs. C. Wren

Mrs. H. H. Halsey.

Mr & Mrs. J. McClure

Nichols

# Journal

Jan. - he not being in very good health yet, having been sick for several month with Typhoid Fever & Ague &c. but getting better now fast. = Fixed up my rifle good last week. - Today took a picture of my boys Charlie, Eva, & the mother also. - Got letter from Cousin T. Thomas C. Dame at Tuftonboro N.H. which I answered & sent him a package of Stereoscopic photographs in return - also sent some to Uncle Leeni T. Coffin at Alton N.H. = and to Sister Mrs. Elvira Jewell at No. 109 west 39th street New York. -

" 11 Commenced raining today, with indications of a long storm. Davidson is doing a little carpenter work for us at the O'Neal Shop, Healey is retouching large pictures for Mr. & Mrs. Fowle, and I am mearly looking round after thing and keeping up the dignity of the firm. =

" 12 Had the third family jar, but nothing broke, only a slight shake, nothing like the earthquakes they have at San Francisco or Virginia city, Nev.

" 14 Still raining and the ditches filled with water at last. Got some of Hupsinks Saurkraut to eat. - Broke Clay Leodye seal while trying to repair it. - Sent photographs, letter, and papers to Uncle Leeni T. Coffin at Alton, N.H. - and yesterday got letter from sister Elvira Jewel living a 109 west 29th street New York city. - Davidson has a chill this evening, and must fue very bad over it. Two or three days ago I wrote to Cousin T. C. Dame N.H.

George-town Eldorado co. Jan. 1869. after the fire.

January

" 19 Been raining hard mos
for over a week past. – D
shake last night, and we
brandy sweat which ma
Mrs. Doan moved away
in Rev. We bought her c
for $4.00 and his wood
I made a new improv
frame for the gallery, a
making a ½ size negativ
he having already made one doub
for ¼ sized glass negatives. –
Halzapis retouching large pictur
of Allen Towle, having done one for
his wife, which looks fine. –

" 20 Anna visited Mrs. Clark, and Mrs.
Pittman visited us. – Rained hard all day,
plenty of water, got wet some;

" 23 Pleasent weather again, after a good
rain storm. Yesterday I repaired water
logs at China-town and worked some
on photographic scenery for the Gallery.
Got nine chickens of Mrs. Clark for
Mrs. C. to raise for her pets. – Turned on
water for Jim. Davies. – Today attended
Union sunday school. – Paul and Wil-
liams came down from Texas Diggins to
see me about the ditch &c etc. –

" 26. Yesterday went to Calfax to attend the
meeting last night of Siloam Chapter
No 37 R. & A. M. – and had a good
time, coming home on freight train
to day. – Weather very warm and plea
ent for january.

27. Took a job to make some hose for
chinamen. 51 yards at $10 – 3 seams.
Davidson making rustic frames –

Smith, Alice Alice, Mrs. A. Towle

Charlie & Eva

L. P. St Clair

J. J. Coffin

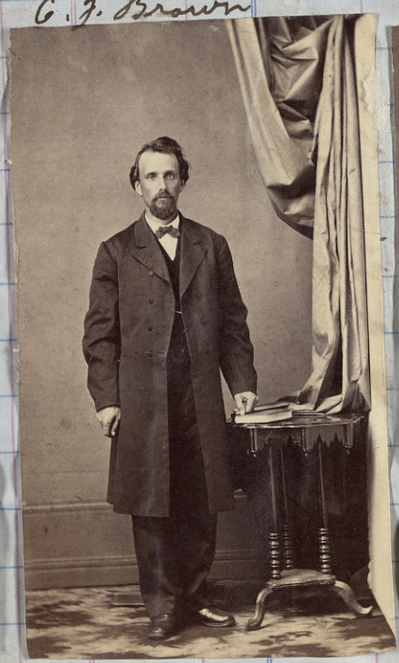
Jan. 29th — still clear and pleas
went to sunday school w
In the evening wrote letters
" 31 Davidson left us this morn
go up the coast to Eurek
he having much improve
while with us, and consid
to work again. —
Feb. 1 — Collected water rents to
worked some on the Hydra
the Chinamen, but my h
sore — Tried to buy a c
Clark, but did not — also tre. o Mr. Rumel
with no better success,
" 2 Think I will buy a Cow of Mr. Pittman
at $80. but not for two weeks yet.
I see the widow Hanbrough is in town
on a visit — I learn that Mrs. R. Haskins
lately gave birth to twin babies, gir
& boy, bully for her. — Wish I could
do that, "cus" I am a twin myself.
" 6 Beautiful weather for photo. business.
Ex ✓ I tended Telegraph & Express office this
A. M. for Mr Clure, while he went to
Nevada. — afternoon went to Sabbath
School with the children and joined
the Bible class of Rev. Mr. Cummings.
were I was asked my opinion of the vers
about "casting pearls before swine" &c, and
my answer was that it might alude
to his trying to teach us the class now
before him, ha! ha! ha! — After got hom
finished making China hose, — and after
supper took a walk with Anna and
the children, above town, and in the
evening went to church with family to
hear the Rev. Mr. Cummings preach.
We all got very nervous ere we got home,

E. W. Fowle

Mrs E. M. Thomas

C. F. Brown

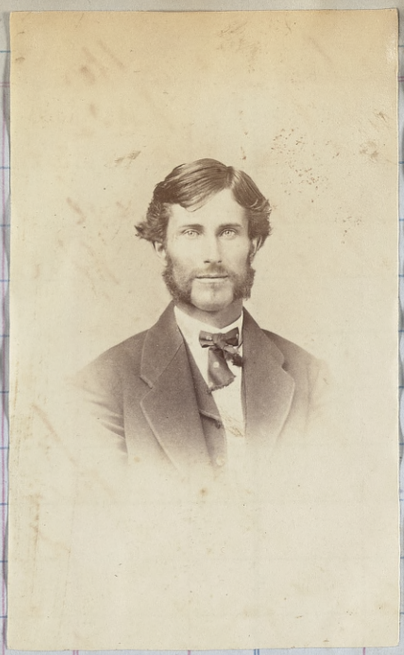
E. M. Thomas & wife



J. M. Fulweiler & Lottie Bartlett.

Feb. 13th Somwhat cloudy after a rain storm of several days, which has been very opertune for the farmers in particular.
Most of the past week I worked making hydraulic hose for H. C. Kelsey and China man Ah Him, which I finished today, not going to Sunday school or church. — Saw Miss Ella Wolter today, She having returned home from Sadramento. — attended Clay Lodge F. & A. M. last night, where I took too much refreshments to go to bed on, so my stomach dont feel very well today.
Halsey finished a fine photograph of Mrs. S. M. Halsey in water colors. —
" 20 Rining hard today, cloudy and several light rains during the past week. Yesterday I made a new back-ground for the Gallery, and Halsey is painting it today,
Received photograph of Companion J. R. Crandell, a few days ago, in return for one I sent him of myself. — Professor Tamlork, the "Austratian Wizard" gave a show in the hall on friday eve, but did not get patronage enough to pay his expenses; like most of such "bilks" dont do well in this "burg" of late years; for money is too scarce and the public last more fastidious in such matters than formerly. "Sic his life"
Bought a cow of Mr. Pittman for $16, and will get her home tomorrow I guess. — Wife got the blues today. —
I Took a warm bath and change of underclothes, as I do every two weeks in winter, and every week in summer.
T. Starr wifes Father-in-law sends us white Pine papers most every day, very kind of him indeed. —

Dr. Nelson



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W. S. Cooke

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G. Mrs. Cooke

Cooks

Husbands.

February,

" 27 Sunday, and beautiful weather, after a long rain-storm. Friday the 25th I borrowed $250.00 of H. C. Rather, at 1½ per month interest, giving a demand note for the amount, with J. Le Gauld security. — Pd. J. T. M. 100.00 Tuesday evening the 22nd it being the 138th anniversary of the birth of Washington, I attended a dance at Mrs. Farrs, taking the family along, and we had a tolerable good time of it, most all night. — Monday last got a cow of Mr. Pittman, and paid him cash $50.00 on her, leaving balance due, $25.00 Thus far I like her very well as we get about 4 qts. of milk per day, and yesterday Emma churned, getting about 2½ pounds of butter for the first time. —

To-day we (the family) took a long walk, in search of water-cresses, to eat, going to Bear river and back. — It being so pleasant this evening most every seems to be out walking. Yesterday had my boots half-soled, making them almost like new again for $2.00 — We made a new scenic back-ground in the gallery last week, and are now prepared to make Rustic styles of Photographs. —

28 The 1st day of winter, and a remarkable mild open winter it has been, for California. — Peach trees are now begining to bloom at this place, the earliest I ever saw, to my recolection

W. S. Thompson,
Profes. of Penman'p

# March Items.

Mch. 6. Some little rain and cloudy weather during the past week, but clear and pleasent today. Took a walk with wife & little ones to the Depot and in the diggins and in the evening attended the Methodist Church to hear the young and new preacher, who done very well according to my judgment, and promises to make his mark in the noble profession he has chosen.—

Friday last Bro. J. H. Davidson returned from Eureka on the coast in Humbolt county, so I suppose that he considers this the best part of the State to live in yet.

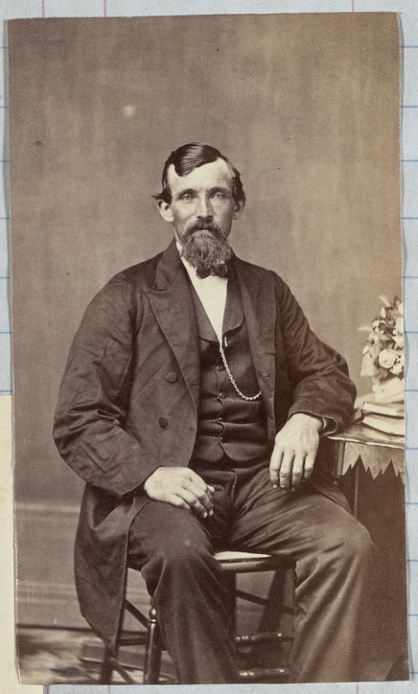
" 8 Yesterday I went to Colfax and attended a meeting of Siloam Chapter R & A. M. returning home today, and bought $10.00 worth of Ham and eggs, as I could get them cheaper there.—

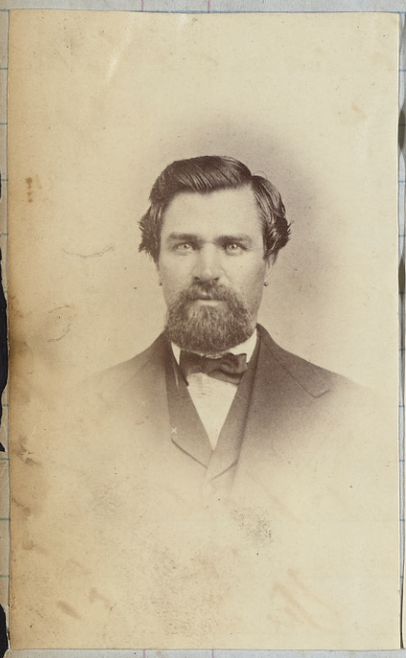
Monday last I went to see the old Jefferson mining claim, that Bro. D. F. Hathaway left with me for disposal but I lost the Surveyors Diagram of it somewhere befor I got down there; I found that a part of it had been jumped by a new company called the Summit mining co.— Frank Eddiment along with me,— since which time Snow has fallen, but I shall go in serch for the lost paper as soon as the snow is off the ground.—

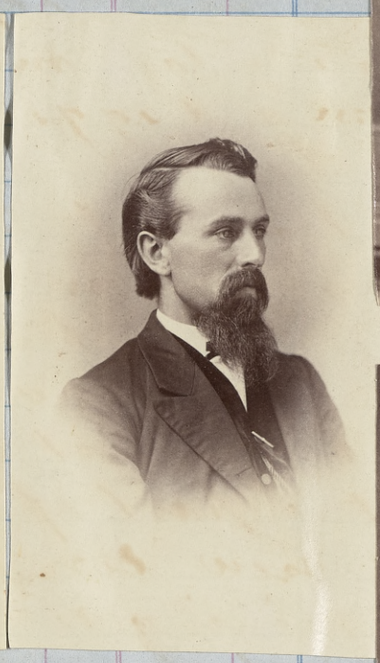
10 Got a load of wood for the Gallery

11 and myself and Davidson sawed it up, the weather being pleasent

12 Snowing since last night, but it [illegible]

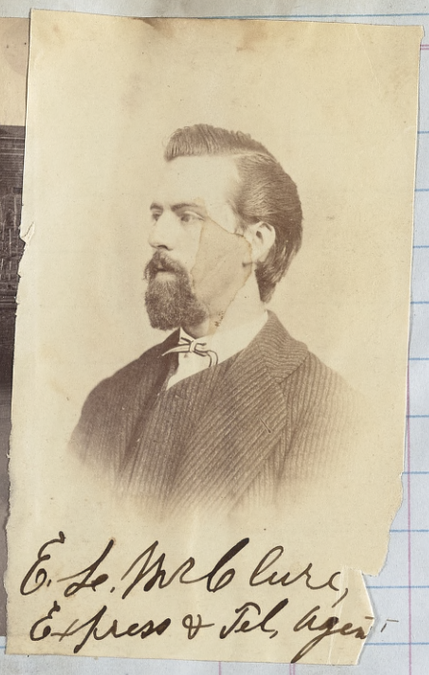






Sunday again, Cool & Cloudy,
Feb. 13 but no rain or snow to day. —
Least night attended Clay Lodge No 101 F. & A. M. till 11 o'clock P. M. a very interesting meeting indeed
Took a bath today and a change of underclothes, and had my picture "took" for wifes locket, — also had a picture took of Anna, Eva & Charlie
" 16 Wife went to San Francisco today, to be doctored; Miss Ella Molter went to Sacramento on the same train, — Anna has been complaining ever since she came here, soon after we were married with a sort of nervous affliction, and womb complaint so I sent her to San Francisco, to see if she can be made well again. —
" 20 Stormy weather most of the time during the past week, some snow but not enough to make sleighing, — I write a more extensive journal every day now to send to Anna each day seperately, — Was working around the house and Gallery to day, the same as other days, for I dont feel like cleaning up myself, or going any where since Anna left me alone, — I dont see how it is but I never could keep Old Bachelors Hall again, as I done for so many years in this country before I was married, and thought I was happy &c; but now I dont know, how I have changed; "but sich is life".
" 21 Austin Cochore, was found drowned in
Died the Reservoir near the Slaughter house. —
He was a musician, and had been in this town longer than I have, as he was here when I came; He was aged about 47 years; and he was a drunkard and a smart man when I first knew him, but has been going down hill all the time, and that was the rea

near Georgetown



E. L. McClure,
Express & Tel. Agent

Georgetown Colorado Co. Col.

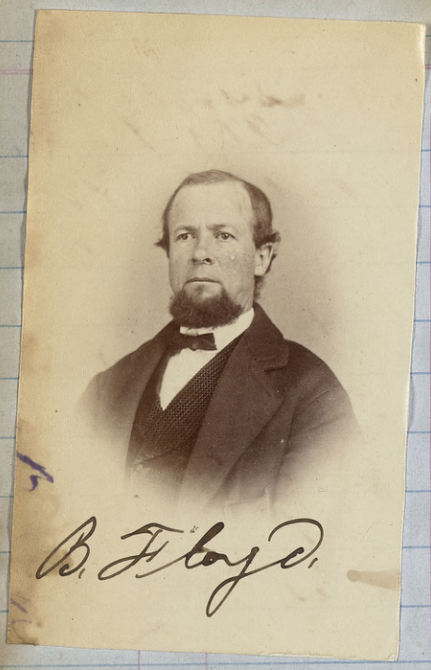
J. T. Coffin

March 27th

Raining or snowing most every day during the past week, and we only had two day suitable to print photographs. This is sunday and a very pleasant day altho. there was frost last night.—
At the last meeting of the Odd Fellows Lodge on wednesday night last I was elected one of the Delegats to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of this state, which meets in San Francisco the first tuesday in May. Bro. Wm Feather & James Gameson being the other two from Olive Lodge.— Last night I got another letter from my wife, in San Fran. She is not getting any better, and is very home-sick, writing very discouragingly, but she says the Dr. tells her she must stay a month or more, before she can be perfectly cured.— Dont know hardly what I shall do in that long time without a wife to sleep with. Oh. cuss it.— Last night I and Charlie had a bath and a chang of clothes; and this morning I picked up all the old clothes I could find in the house that was dirty, and took to Mrs Molters to get washed.—

Received New York papers this morning. "The Days doings" "Last Sensation" and "Sporting Times," very interesting &c. A fine day for making pictures

Apr. 1 (Friday) All fools day, but not generally observed in this vicinity.— Tolerable pleasant weather since my last entry but there is now indications of another storm brewing. Today rec'd letter and paper from cousin Thomas A. Dame which I answered in kind. Wednesday morning got a long letter from Emma sweetly criticising my last to her; she think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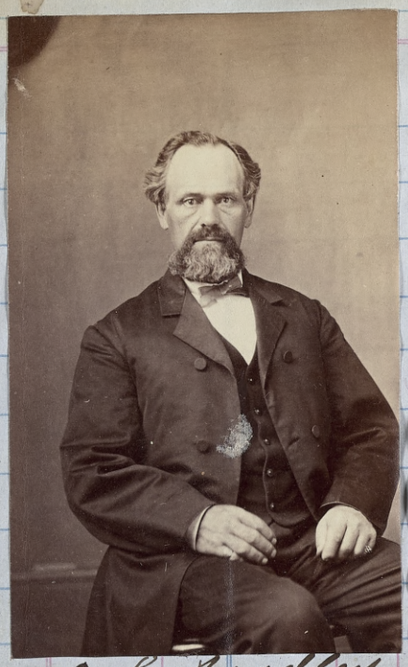
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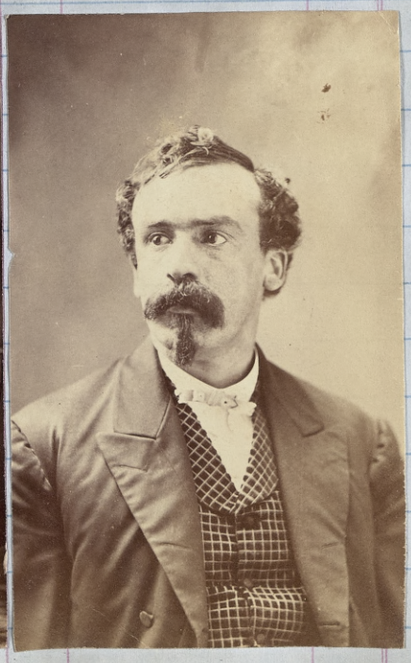


Sunday, and Storming again, a cold showery rain.

Today got more eastern papers I sent some in return, the "Sac. Union" and "white pine news".

Died A Mr Shaffer was found dead yesterday morning, at the foot of a dump, near where he was mining, at Thompson Hill. It is supposed a rush of water and gravel, through the flume that he was tending caving, and carried him over the hill dump causing his death; friday afternoon as he lived and worked alone he was not missed till saturday morning. His funeral took place at the Union church this afternoon; and the church was crowded. Sermon by Rev. Hiram Cummings, his text being "Thou shalt surely die" Shaffer was a European born, middle aged and a single man, no relatives here.

I cleaned up the house this a.m. I made a custard, which we eat for dinner, with some baked salmon.

Yesterday I churned, getting about 4 lbs. of nice butter. Davidson has been working for me most of the past week putting in wooden feed water boxes, where I get my summer suply from the Ditch so he is not done yet — Length of box 300 ft.

Apr 10 I have rec'd two letter from Anna during the past week and answered both, I also rec'd. and answered a letter from Cousin T. C. Dame of Tufton borough N. H. — Weather various during the past week, Snow, rain, wind, and sun — Last night in Reno the Lodge meeting [illegible]

Mrs.

J. W. Chadwick

Geo. Marks.

Georgetown, 1869

April 17th — Sunday, and a beautiful day, also pleasant most of the time during the past week — Tuesday last I went to Colfax, with several others, and attended the first meeting under a Charter of Siloam Chapter R. A. M. No 37; we had a very pleasant time and came home wednesday on freight train that arrives here at 1,30 P. M. —

Wife still sick in San Francisco, but I expect her home every day now, and I long for her coming more than I ever wanted to be married before, and if she dont soon return I fear I shall spoil entirely! —

Today I attended the M. E. Sabbath school with Charlie and Eve, and this evening the Union Church with Charlie.

Last wednesday there was a flower peddler in town from Sacramento, and I bought two small Rose bushes in pots for Anna when she comes home; I think she will be pleased with them. — Two of our Chicken cocks had a big fight this morning; they are getting grown and are jelous of each other among the pullets.

Davidson is now working on a new Camera stand, having finished his job on the water work — Apple and Cherry trees are now in full blossom and look lovely — During the past week I have been corresponding to the state of Nevada concerning run away marriages from the state, for a friend who I think will soon run off with a Dutch Flat girl over the line and marry her; poor "children in the woods" — I will try and help them out. —

apr. 18 — Tending the telegraph office to day for Mr Clure, who has gone to Auburn to attend a ball there tonight. There is to be an Easter Ball at Mrs. Farrs this evening. [illegible]

H. Symons

Maj Noah,

Mrs. Moore

Georgetown, Bucks Co. Pa 1869

Mrs. Tarole

April 24th Pleasant Weather —
Wife still sick at San Fran, but I did expect her home yesterday, and I am very lonely and tired of living away from her. Nothing new worthy of note. —

Apr. 30 Weather mostly pleasant during the past week, but some cloudy and cool, and a little rain last friday; today cloudy and cool. — Last tuesday I went to Colfax to attend the Odd Fellows celebration of the 51st anniversary of the establishment of the order in the United States, and there was a good display of most of the Lodges in this County, in procession. — The Oration was a masterly piece of composition by Br Roberts of Nevada. — There was a grand Ball in the evening, which I did not attend — My wife returning from San Fran I met her on the train and came home with her, and our friend Mrs. Jones, a widow lady of San Francisco, who was present at our marriage, and has now come up with Anna on a visit, and to stop with her while I am gone to the Odd Fellows Grand Lodge, and the lower part of the state next month. — Our cow was gone three days last week, and nearly lost her milk.

Yesterday Anna and I went to Colfax, and I attended a Chapter meeting in the afternoon, and we returned home on the evening passenger train — not stopping all night as we expected. Several others of the Masonic order had their wives at Colfax with them, to get the good Samaritan degree, but we all got disappointed by not getting it.

Charlie is very sick today

Mrs McIntosh

Mokes

B McClure

Lead
Davis

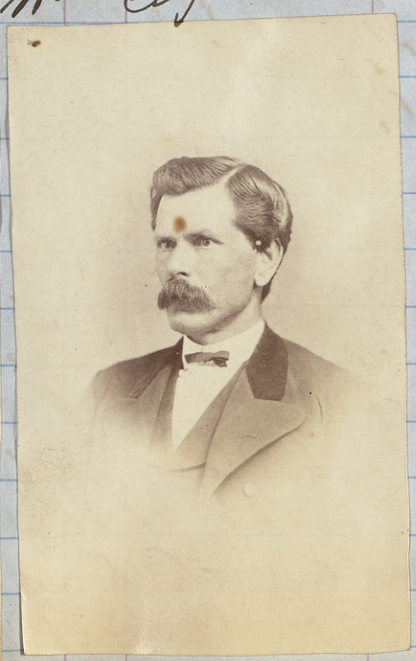
May 8th

Pleasant weather and several very hot days during the past week, Yesterday and this forenoon I tended the telegraph office for E. L. McClure, while he visited his Fathers at Yankey Jims — Davidson has been working at the Cemetery all last week. I am getting a big ready on to leave town tomorrow. —

May 13 — Monday last, the 9th inst. I left Dutch Flat, on morning down train in company with Bro. J. Jamison and Wm. Trathen, as Delegates to the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of California, we arrived at San Francisco at 8 o'clock P.M. I sent my trunk to Fogs & Rutherths at 410 Kerney street and I went direct to the Alhambra Theater, where I saw and heard "Shoo Fly" illustrated &c. then I took lodging at house on Montgomery street, and Tuesday morning, the 10th I attended the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge, also in the afternoon where I met several old acquaintances from various parts of the state. In the evening I went to Maguirs Opera House and saw "The streets of New York" played, Frank Mayo taking the leading part, after which I took a room at the Prescott House, and the next day the 11th attended the I. O. O. F. the transactions being very interesting, and in the evening I went to the California Theater with J. A. Stone of Gold Run, and saw the "Merry wives of Windsor" — H. Edwards acting Falstaf very well — Next day the 12th I took passage for San Diego, the weather being cloudy and cool, strong N. W. winds. — The next day at 1 o'clock P.M. the Steamer Orizaba that I was on arrived at Santa Barbara I went on shore to see the place, and I saw Mr. H. Gruing formerly of Dutch Flat also J. A. Johnson, Editor of the S. B. News I [illegible]

Mrs. J. L. Beard

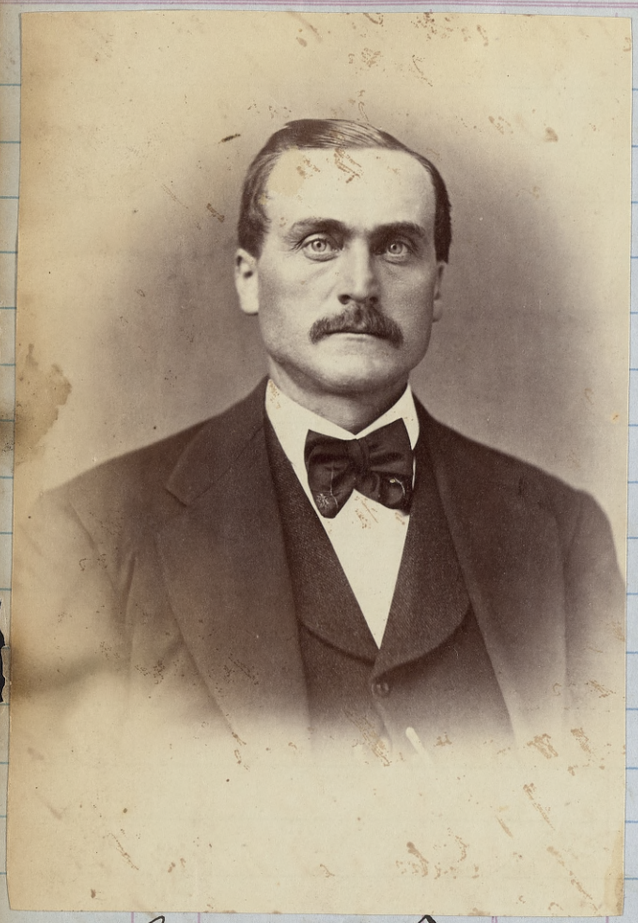
Mr. Speak



Brot over, in continuation

May 13 We left Santa Barbara for San Pedro at 4 P.M. on ~~Friday~~ Saturday the 12th and arrived at San Pedro at 9 o'clock A.M. and sailed for San Diego the same afternoon, where we arrive on
" 14 Sunday the 14th and I walked ashore on the wharf at 9 o'clock A.M. The first person I saw that I knew was George McCullock, formerly of Colfax, Placer co. - I went with him to W. A. Begoles store, where I took up my residence while in the place - Dr. Strong formerly of D.F. called in to see me, and had a talk, - Also Mrs. Roberts, and I went to her house, to see the family, by special request. They were formerly residents of Dutch Flat.

After dinner, I and McCullock went by stage, to old San Diego, 3 miles, also on the hills back of town, in sight of the old Mission 12 miles distant, up the valley of the San Diego river; we got back to New town to supper and I spent the evening talking with Bro. Begole, of old times &c. San Diego is on a barren plain, but on a good in line from the sea, having about 3000 inhabitants, most of whom have moved there during the last few years, most of the houses being new. - It two long wharves, of 1800 & 1900 feet long respectively. - Every thing, but beef and mutton, as articles of consumption is brought from San Francisco or else where - most of the water in the wells is brackish of Alkali of some kind - I saw lots of Snipe on the beach, and some quail and rabbits in the bushes, which is of a very scrubby growth, and not valuable for anything but the climate is fine, although rather cool today, with west and [illegible]



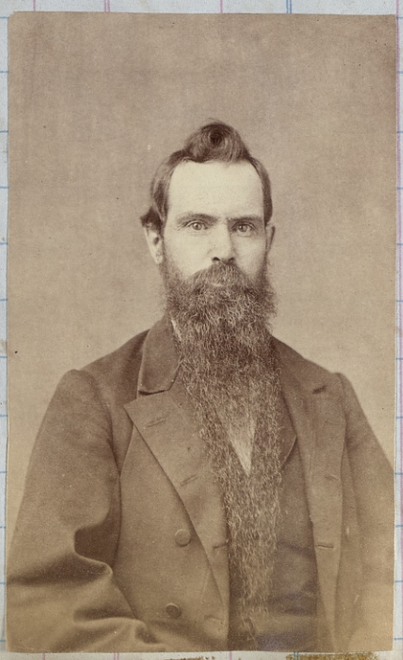
George Fowle

Miss Ida McClure

May 21st - Monday morning last it rained raine, at San Diego where I was, smart shower, I visited Bain's Photo. Gallery, and exchanged pictures with him, getting a view of the town and harbar, then I took a walk along the beach and round by the steam Flour mill, and was at the express office to see if I could get the agency for the telegraph, that is being extended from Los Angeles; got some encouragment, at 2 o'clock P.M. took return passage on the Steamship Orizaba for San Francisco at $25.00 the same as going down Bro's. Begole & Julian coming aboard to see me off &c. - Many more people leaving San Diego, than going to it. - Strong N.W. winds, and the sea was quite rough, which made most of the passengers sea-sick especially the ladies and children, but slightly so myself. - Arrived at San Pedro at 7, a. m. next day the 17th, and I with several others went ashore, on the little steamer Los Angeles; 5 miles to Wilmington and took the cars for Los Angeles, where we stoped one hour, seeing the town; I also visited the 2 Photo. Galleries and exchanged pictures, getting a view of a part of the city, and the Catholic School; a Beautiful place to live is Los Angeles, we returned to the Orizaba at noon, and she soon after sailed, and that night we passed Santa Barbara, and next morning passed point Conception light-house; a strong head wind blowing, but clear weather. - the same day passed in sight of a part of San Louis, Obispo, and San Simon, where the Steamer Senator was laying at anchor; the next morning 19 at the 19th 9 o'clock we arrived at San Francisco; the [illegible] being rainy, the Steamer Active [illegible] sailed at the same tim

Mr Lewis. — — Mr. Dunn

Bourk



Mr Taylor Mrs. Park.

May 21st Went to North beach, soon as I got on shore and took a salt water bath, then I hurried around town and done what shopping I had to do, calls, errends &c; and got my trunk ready to leave the city, and in the evening went to the Pacific Theater and saw the burlesque on the "McFarland tradgedy" play in a ridiculous manner, Slept at the Prescott House that night, next morning, the 20th took C. P. R. R. cars for home; the weather being fine; the cars stoping 20 minutes at Sacramento, I took a run up J street, to Hart old Photo, Gallery and bought a dozen of stereoscope views= at Auburn I sent a letter, with $10. currency inclosed to Dept Internal Revenue collector Mr, J. Ives Fitch, for a Photograph licence, arrive home at Dutch Flat 6.30 P. m and found the house locked up, and no one at home; but I gained access by a window and cooked myself some supper; and at dark, Anna, Mrs Jones, with Charlie and Eva came home, having gone to hunt the cow, which they drove home, and such a hugging I did get, and kisses, Oh my, and we was all very happy to be together again, and we talked most all night. Yesterday I did not do much, but rest and court Anna, or she was courting me I mean; and wanted me with her all the time, but I liked it pretty well. Today is Sunday and the weather is fine, This evening me and Anna went cow hunting nearly to Alta, but did not find her, and after our return, we took the children and went to the Union church and heard Cummings preach, while Davidson and Mrs Jones went to the Methodists church last night the M. E. church ladies had a Strawberry festival [illegible] the hall

Shepherds.

D. Blanchard

Mrs. Gould

J. Quinn

May 29th — Sunday and a pleasant day, altho
a little cool, and some clouds tonight.
Fine comfortable weather during the
past week — Davidson went to Bear val-
ley to work last wednesday, but he
came down on a visit today to see Mrs
Jones, I guess mostly — I rec'd a letter
from Ben. Cook an old playmate
of early days in New England, he
being now at Silver City, Idaho —
I answered his letter, and sent him
some papers, not having heard from
him for over a year. —
I had to hunt my Cow a good
deal during last week. —
I was at the Union Sunday School
to-day with the children, and af-
ter supper took a walk with Anna

June 5 — Weather various, but mostly pleasant.
Last monday night there was a circus
here, a big "bilk" — they had only one
horse and two ponies, but a lot of
dogs, the only good thing about it. —
I took all the family of course. —
Last week I paid $100. on Fiddles
not against Mathewson. Miss Jones, gone

" 12 — Some rain lately — Masonic ☐
last night. — they think of building
a new fireproof Hall — I hope so.
We have sent $35.00 to Chicago for a Novelty
Printing press, to do our owne and job
printing for the town &c.

" 18 — Beautiful weather. — Last tuesday I
went to Colfax to the Chapter, and that
night the China-men stole all of our
Chickens. Dam the China thieves, I say.
Sent letter and pictures to Scripture,
also letter to Father-in-law, I. Stare, and
also to N. G. in Cities Sacramento

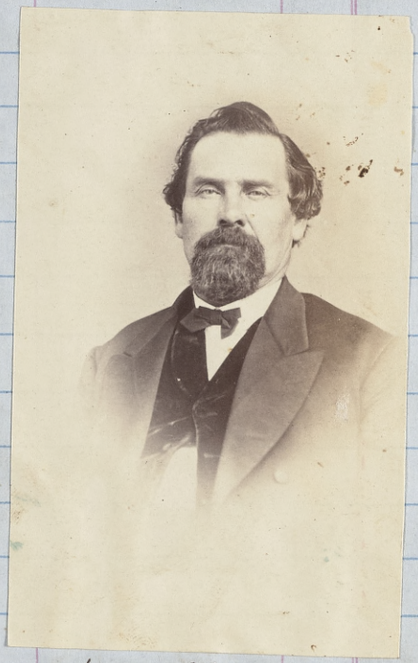
Sarah Cook

Rev. J. E. Benton

Mrs. Stover

Mrs. Bradley

Mrs. Barnard



Mr. King

Mr. Phillips

Smart girls

Mr. Laurence

1870

June 26th Beautiful weather. - Friday, one of the Hoskins' twins died, and will be buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery this P. M.

Born Thursday last Mrs. G. L. Gould gave birth to a 9 lb. baby boy, both doing well also the daddy - I wrote some verses on that baby today. - I had to sleep alone several nights during the past week, Anna being away watching with Mrs. Barry the sick woman. - Yesterday I bought a 10 gal. keg of vinegar at the Brewery for $1.50

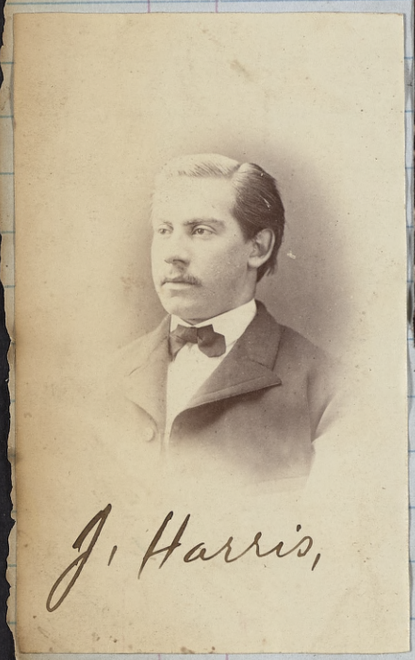
The "Great Western Circus" was billed to perform here last friday, but failed to connect. - not coming - good!

Bills are posted, to the effect that the Sue Robinson troup will perform at the Dutch Flat Theater tomorrow night = more bulls!

Cherries most all gone, and Raspberries are ripe, Currents also ripe. -

July 2 - Very hot during the last 3 days; the Therm. yesterday stood as high as 102 in the shade - 114 - at Rocklin - 104 at Iowa Hill and 104 at Auburn, the co. seat of Placer co. - Last monday night the Sue Robinson Troup, played "Naval engagements" & Fool of the Family, at the Theater, to a good house - Kilsey & Dr. Wilson were so enfatuated with them, that they treated the troup to a Champaign supper at the Hotel "a fool and his money &c" well illustrated. We got our Novelty printing press, from Chicago, and have been sweating over it, for the last few days, printing Ball Tickets, Envelopes and Notices for our selves - today wrote to J. A. Johnson, Santa Barbara, and sent money to pay on lots I bought 86.00 all sent to this date 340, still due

Ella, Bellows.



J. Harris,

Louisa Dornbach

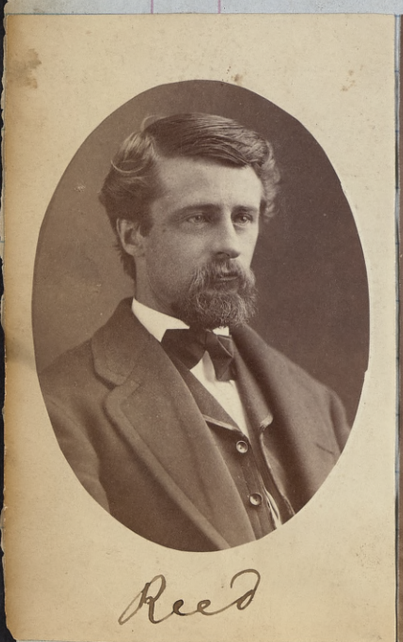
S. Gardner.

Lizzie Nicholas

July Independance day passed off very
5th quietly here, no general celebration, but
" every one on their own hooks, some few
men were drunk, which furnished fun
for the boys, which together with fire
crackers &c made it some interesting. In
the evening there was a ball at the
Theater, that was a gay affair, and
lasted about all night. I of course we
went, and enjoyed ourselves, altho.
the weather was very warm. —
" 9 Still very warm weather, I think
the warmest nights if not days, that
I ever felt at this place. — Friday
night last, I hired a horse of the leve
-ry stable, and went to Gold Run to
attend the Odd Fellows Lodge, which
I did, but while so doing, the horse be-
ing tied out side, broke loose, and ran
away, so I had to walk home, and have
not seen the horse since. — Yesterday,
Ex and today I tended the Express and Tele
-graph office, for Mr Clure, while he
went on a visit to his Fathers house at
Yankee Jims
" 10 Yesterday and last night Anna was sick
and took an emetic, which made her
better today. — Last night on going to
bed Eva got the window curtins on fire
and I burned one of my hands pretty
bad in puting it out. — The Sue
Robinson Troup performed here again
Saturday and Sunday evenings, and
disgusted the Hotel Keeper, and ma
-ny others by their disgraceful doing
B thing they have about played them-
selves out at this place. — I did not go
to see them — I wrote several letters
in answer to my correspondants. —
Saturday night there was a meeting —

Dirt on this

Kruger



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Sillinsky

H.H. Halsy

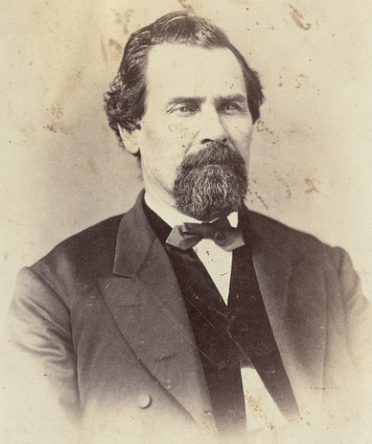
July 17th Weather still warm, and poor times for the photograph business, very. Halsey during the past week has been making water colord pictures of his brother George, and wife; today we printed a full shet solar of my wife's mother, Mrs. Starr that is now dead, for Thomas Starr of Hamilton Nev. Our cow has been gone for two days, and I had a big hunt for her last night, and tonight also without sucess. Least thursday there was a row at Alta between Mr. Coleman, and Mr. Rodgers, and Coleman struck Rodgers in the head with an axe, which is expected to prove fatal, Coleman is now under arrest, being unable to get bail. — I see Miss Fannie Hauser has returned home from San Francisco. Mr. G. H. Davidsons has come here from Cairo Ill. and is now staying at the hotel with her husband. —

Today I sent a lot of pictures by mail to my friends. — A. Busk at Georgetown. — G. B. Carder at Iowa Hill — G. A. Michael at Yankee Jim in this state — Yesterday I rec'd some pictures from E. Crawford & Busk of Georgetown — I also sent letter and pictures to A. R. Shirley at Truckee —

Our sow pig has not been seen today; I think she has been having some little ones somewhere. — G. W. G. Thompson has again returned to town from below. — A report of our Independence ball in the Stars & Stripes is laid to me, as

Mrs. Duncan

Mrs. Waggoner

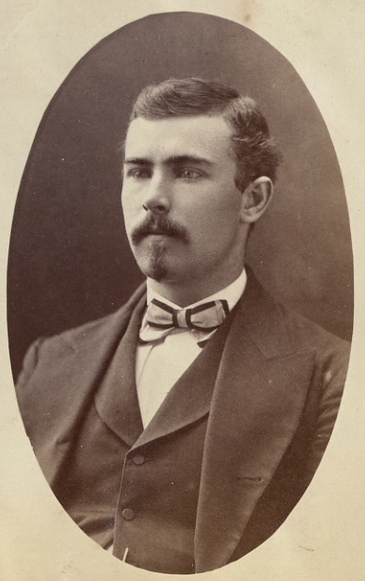


Mr. King

C. J. Brown

Mrs. Bake

Mrs. & Mr. Gardner



Mr. Cummings Sr.

July 24. Sunday and very warm, as it has been all the past week. – Wednesday last I went in serch of the horse that I lost from Gold Run on the night of the 8th inst. – I went on the cars to New England Mills, below Colfax, and walked to Clipper Gap, enquiring, and looking, without any thing definate information gained, than took freight train to Auburn, and had an advertisment put in the "Stars & Stripes" offering a reward, and returned home in the evening on the passenger train very tired.

Tuesday last I had to go to Goldings Ranch, 5 miles above town after my Cow, she having been gone 4 days without being milked, a dam bother –

Much criticisms are made of Mr. Jinks' report of the Independance ball, and many accuse me of being the author. – So mote it be!

Halsey has just completed two fine 14 + 18 fine Water colored pictures of his brother George and his wife, and is now working on one for his own wife.

Died

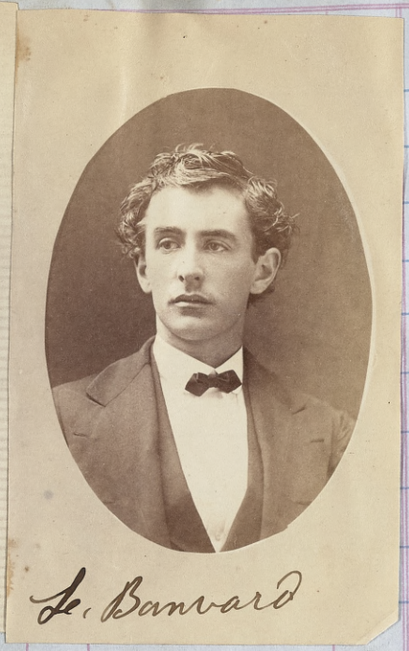
Photograph business very dull, on account of the hot weather.

On friday evening Mrs. Ann Berry the poor consumptive woman died, and was buried today, I and Wm. Frank in dug the grave yesterday, and I asted as one of the Pall Bearers today – a relief to many that she has gone.

I went to the Union Church this P.M., and I notice a decline in attendance of children, which makes me think that the Sunday schools here dont amount to much. – Done considerable work on the water-works during the past week, and much more needed – Fixed stairs back of Cellar for Halsey

Teaff

Mrs Teaff



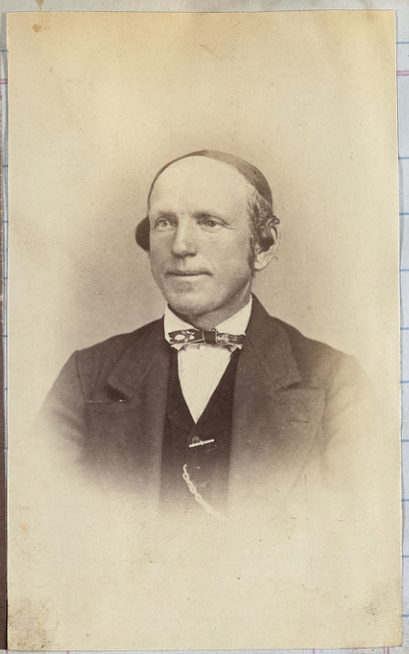
L. Banvard

Jessie Kenney

Romeo & Juliet,

July 31st very warm weather still
Last week got 8 more chickens, and built a new chicken house
The children have both got the hooping cough, Charlie very bad,
Anna has been much taken up with novel, or Ledger, reading of late, neglecting her household duties, which annoyes me a little,
Yesterday Healsey finished a fine water-colored 1/2 life size picture of his wife, to send east to he Mother—
Today I sent pictures and papers to Ada Mooney, and Leni Coffin at Alton N.H. — Also wrote several letters
I had to go after our cow tonight
My Old partner, at mining, Jim Paul came down from the Mountains yesterday, and goes back tomorrow,
Mrs. Berry, the poor consumptive lady that has been sick so long died last week, a friday the 22nd inst, I helped dig her grave, my first attempt at the business, — She was buried in the Old burrial grounds. I was one of the bearers. — Her brother had a little Catholic services at the grave, a burlesque, I called it

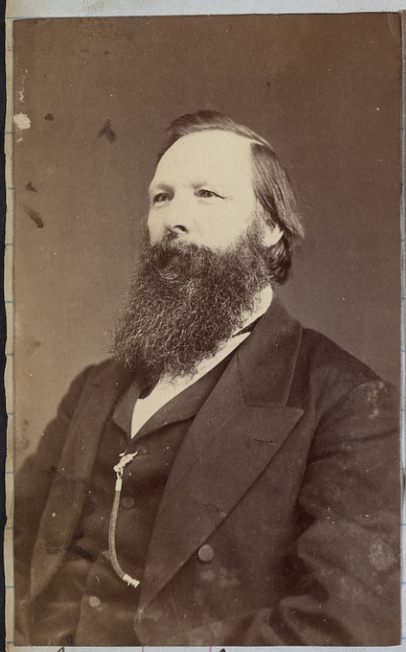
Aug 7 — Still very warm weather —
Last night attended Masonic Lodge,
All last week (excepting Monday) we were at Little Jack and vicinity, taking Photographs of the little Jack water and mining companies property, get nearly used up, but making tolerable good negatives, considering the disadvantages under which we labored, and coming home every night, and back next morn[illegible] the stage [illegible]



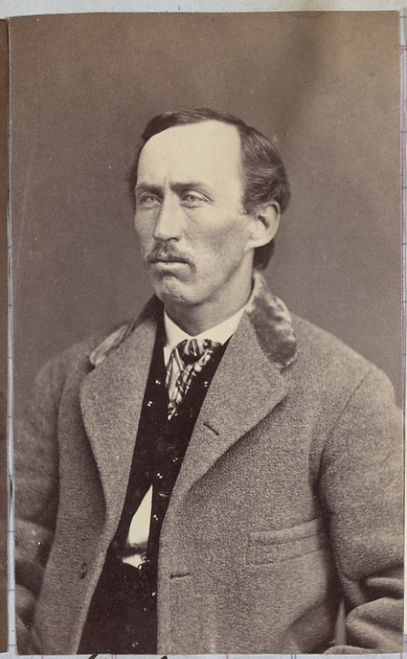
Miss Abiel – Father S. Gunnoldson

S. D. Moore, family group.

Aug. 14th Hot as ever, and more if any thing. The war in Europe is the all absorbing topic of conversation just now. — Last monday we got through taking pictures on the Little Fork divide, and very glad are we it is over; the last day we were at Cousins' Mill, and the Liberty Hill diggins. — Making, all told in seven days 26, 4/4 negatives, and about 1 Doz, stereoscopic negatives closing up the Gallery in the mean time. Tuesday we printed, wednesday we finished up, and sent Specimens to Mr. William H. Sears, San Fran, for inspection and selection, he being our employer, and agreeing to pay us $5 each for the first pictures of each kind the he should like and select, and Duplicates as per Gallery prices. More trouble getting our home last week, ruining my "guts" nearly out &c. — I made out the Annual Report to the Grand Lodge F & A. M. for Clay Lodge No 101, and sent to Grand Sec. — Had a quarrel with Mrs. Swenson about the wate the old hilk! — Anna has got two more pets, ducks! Sah! Last night we rec'd a letter from Mr W. H. Sears of San Fran, with the equivalent of $100, for 20 of the views that he selected, with the request that we do not sell duplicates for 2 months. Last night and this morning I done some washing, 2 pairs of pants, which was too heavy for Anna to wash. — Germans jubilent over the European war now in favor of Prussia as against France.



Rev. J. E. Benton



— J. McLeure

Mrs. Sweet

Young Halsey

Mrs. H. H. Halsey

J. Tuff & Son

Aug. 18, Monday evening Willie Starr a Bro. of Anna's came up from San Francisco, on a visit to us, a fine looking young man of twenty.—

Died Tuesday night the infant child of Mr. & Mrs. Bradley died and was buried yesterday, the 17th the Red Men, of which Mr. B. is a member turned out in a body and escorted the funeral procession.—

Married Monday evening Benj. Floyd was married to Miss. Elizabeth White, long may they wave!—

This morning I found one of our hens dead, think she had been eating salt— To day I was making a printing office, or Beauro, for type cases, and Willie Starr making a what-not, for Anna.—

We sent specimens of autdoor views to the Philadelphia Photographer office, for criticism.

" 20 Sunday and a fine day as usual.

Yesterday I made a sort of Desk or Beauro, for our type cases.—

Willie Starr made a whatnot.—

This evening I took a walk with Anna. She is complaining of not feeling well again, and I fear she will be getting sick again, so that she will have to go to San Francisco to be Doctored again.— Yesterday Healeys wife return home from her visit to Donner Lake.—

22 Today rec'd a letter from cousin Miss Ada E. Downey of Alton N. H., which was very interesting. It was in answer to one I wrote her a while ago— Hear'd war in Europe. The Dutch are giving the French fits

Mrs Gardiner (Cayo)

Aug 27th 1870

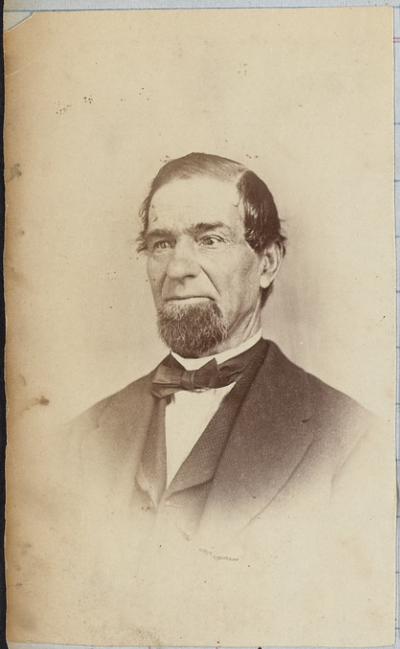
"Weather has been somewhat cooler during the past week making it more pleasant. — Willie Starr has been carpentering most of the time, enlarging the chicken house, making type cases &c. — I bought a new jack plain and a rast, saw &c. — Yesterday I had to do some more repairing on the water-works, — Rec'd. letter from the Editor of the "Masonic Mirror" A. B. Bishop of San Francisco — also from Alex. G. Abell Grand Sec. F. & A. M. with returned Grand ☐ Report for corrections, which I corrected and returned today — Friday I was rearranging the Odd Fellows Library, and putting printed No's. on the backs &c. — The carpenters are putting new underpining to the Masonic Hall building —

Some days ago I brought into my Gallery a loop of the telegraph wire running to Sacramento via Coloma and Placerville, by consent of the local Agent. —

There is a local company organized to run a Pia-nut line to Gold Run, at a cost of about $240, we have subscribed $20, and offered to put up the wire &c

" 31 "The last rose of Summer" with me for this year at any rate — I mean this morning when I rose out of bed. —

~~Tuesday~~ Today made my regular monthly water collections, but did not get as much as I expected, as the customers are all very poor just now at least, and poor prospects



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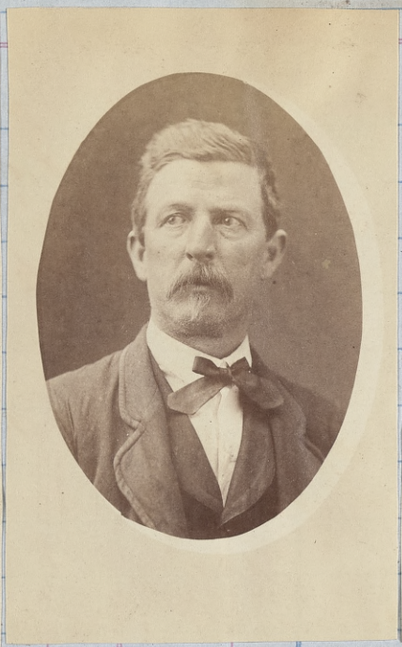

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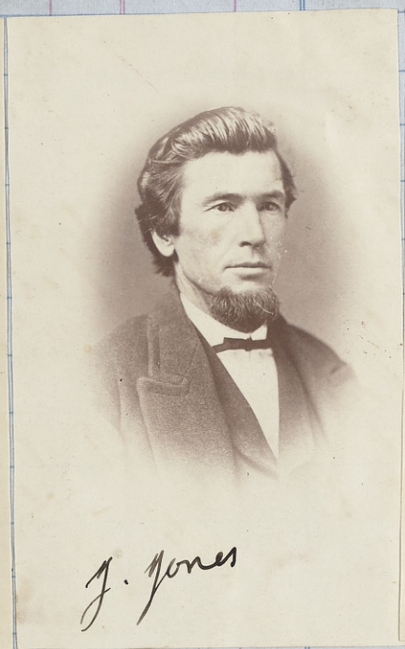
Mrs Bradley

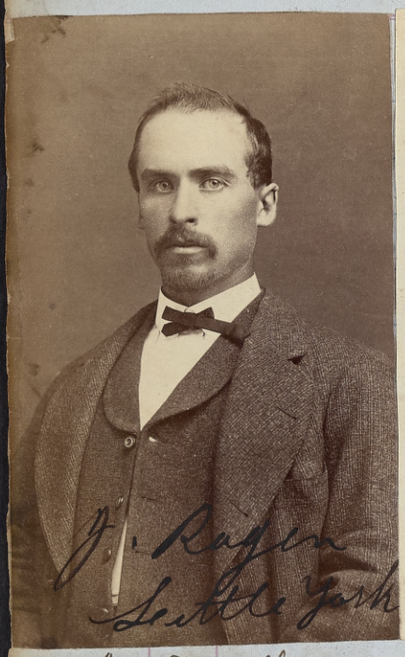


J. Jones

Jones

Sept. 1870

Beautiful weather as usual,
" 4. but a slight change, it being cooler,
Today wrote a letter to J. A. Johnson
Santa Barbara, and sent check $20.00
This P.M. took Anna for a walk
in the woods, towards Squires canon,
we got the cow, and caught some
frogs and tadpoles, and brought home
for the gold fish, — Last night
Masonic Lodge meeting, till about
midnight, which caused us to get
a "curtain lecture" when we got home
Suppose that is a natural consequence
with most of the married brethren
" 11 — I worked 2½ days last week
on the Dutch Flat and Gold Run
telegraph, others working from
the other end, weather dry, and
very warm — making the roads very
dusty with travel, One of our
hens has hatched out 7 chickens,
I forgot to record in its proper
place, that wifes Bro. W. D. Starr
went to Hamilton, White Pine, Nev.
on the second, to work with his
Father. —
" 18 Sunday again, and "Nary" preach-
er in town — Thursday last Miss
Died Emma Anderson died, aged about
Ex 11 years, — Three days of the past week
I tended the express and telegraph
office, while Mr. Clure went to the
State Fair at Sacramento — where
many other, have been from here
as well as every part of the state,
Finished the telegraph to Gold Run
today. — Large excursion train of
Eastern R.R. men went west today,
Killed a chicken for dinner. —

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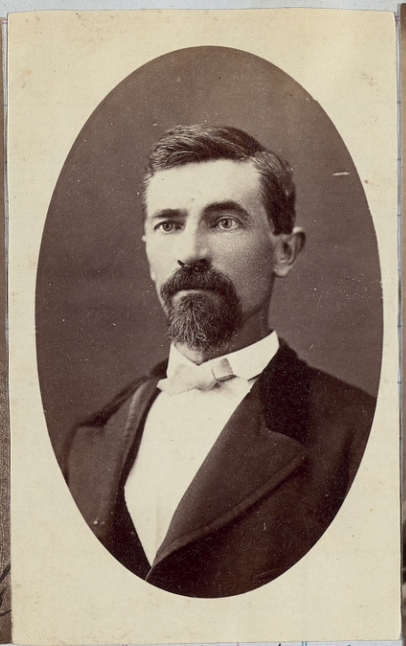

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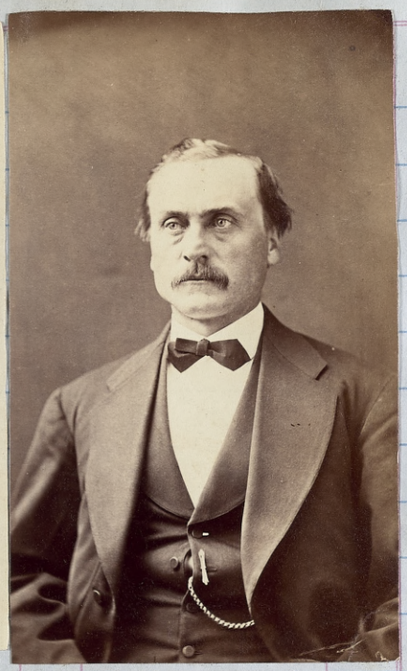

S. W. Towle.

Mip. Maker —

Anna Rablin —

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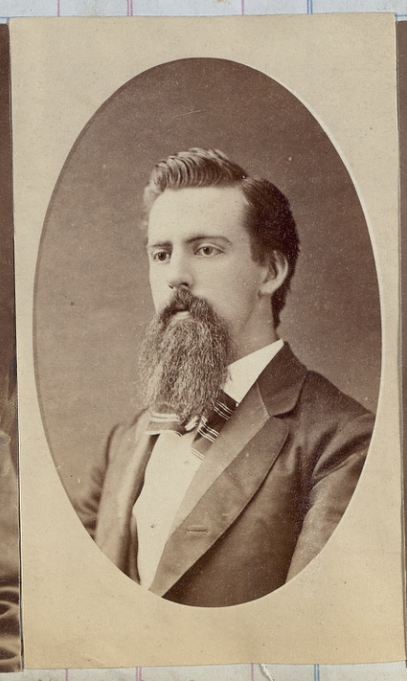
Powers



E. L. McClure

Mrs. Western

Sept. 25th Beautiful weather, was working most of the past week printing the Odd Fellows Library Catalogue, but I was out hunting several days to Squires Canon and vacinity,

The new Telegraph line works fine.

" 26 Last night Henry Smith of "Nary
Died " 19 Red" ~~and~~ died, and will be buried today by the Odd Fellows.-

The main water pipe being burst at Dr. Martins, I was working all day fixing it, not being able to tend the funeral as I aught,

We bought two more chickens for $1 each, laying hens; the other hens that were sitting having hatched out seven little chicks each, I wrote a letter to Mrs Auburry about the house that Halsey lives in, also got answer unsatisfactory

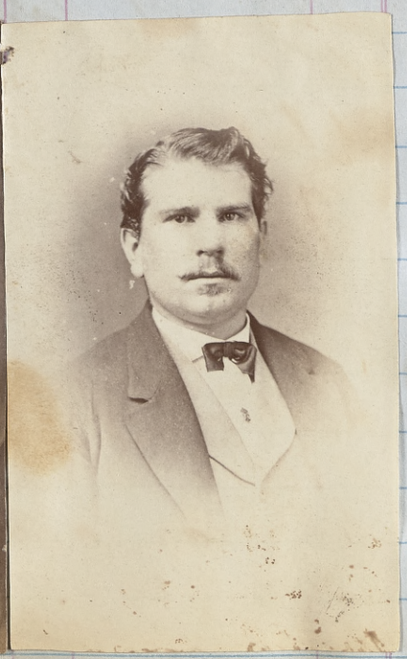
Oct. 3, Last tuesday the 27th of Sept. I got up at 4 a.m. and walked up to Alta, with G. H. Davidson.- Taking guns, blankets, and grub with us, and went by early train to Tinkers, Summit Valley, thence afoot to Soda Springs 8 miles; where we stoped 'till friday morning, drinking the waters and hunting, eating & Friday night we slept on the ground in granite Canon, making a supper on an allowance of dry bread and tea, next mrng. early breakfast but a very little of it, and a mighty hard walk to Bear canon at 1 P.m. where we cooked a grouse and squirel on a stick for dinner, then a long, fast and hard walk to Tom Williams Cabin in Bonnets canon dark, very dry, hungry, and tired.

Miss Kinney

Hearrington

Faber

Wm Richards Jr
Vino Fronlés Son



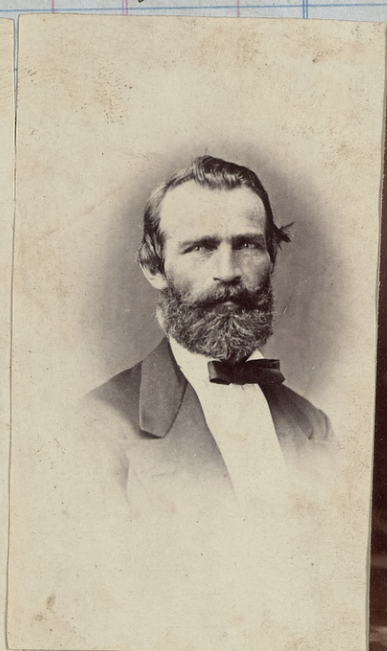
Sept.
Oct. 8

[illegible]rning we started for
the way of Willmats Ra-
Fork of the American Riv
fished till 2 P. M. without
that to Lost Camp, and
nto the railroad, and learn
was no evening down train
ed to walk home or stay
er night; so we streak
down grade very live
at the Alabama Mill
here we got strengthen
with a good supper; thence we got
home at 8 o'clock, with bones very
sore, and each one little grouse as
trofeys of the excursion, but found
our houses empty, the folks being
away to Church, -- After a poor
nights rest, dont feel very well, my
whole body being sore, and my lips
being very bad with feaver sores, the ef-
fects of a late bad cold. -

Today collected last months water rents
as far as I could, and cleaned up the Ma-
sonic Hall &c etc. - Got letter from sister
in New York, and by the same mail one
I wrote to here, in June last, returned
a dead letter, - answered her letter, and
also one to Mrs. Aubury, - I learn
Died the Mr. A. A. Furgersons oldes child,
a boy died, with Hooping cough, many
children in town being afflicted
with it, but ours seem to have got
better of it.

" 9 weather warm, clear and pleasent, for
October; but the atmosphere is thick
with smoke, - Last night masonic
meeting and I was most of today writ
ing up the minutes &c etc.

Mrs. J. E. Benton – May Benton



Dave Meyer – Phil. Molter

Mary Hudepohl

Rev. Isaac Newton and Lady – R. Hudepohl

October 1870

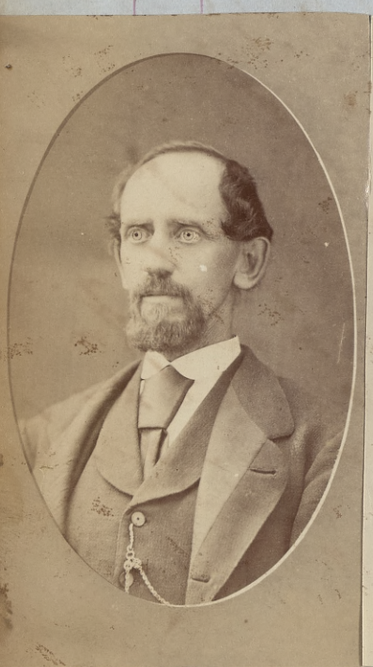
Oct. 23rd Pleasent weather all the past week but the atmosphere very thick with smoke; so much so that it makes it difficult to make photographs. Monday last, me and Jake Molter went after wood at Squires' canon with axes and a big saw, and kept at it till Friday noon, and with the Brewery team got up ten loads of wood; Jake working 4½ days and the team two days. — Saturday G.H. Davidson came to work with me, helping fix up our house, making new kitchen, floor, porch &c etc.

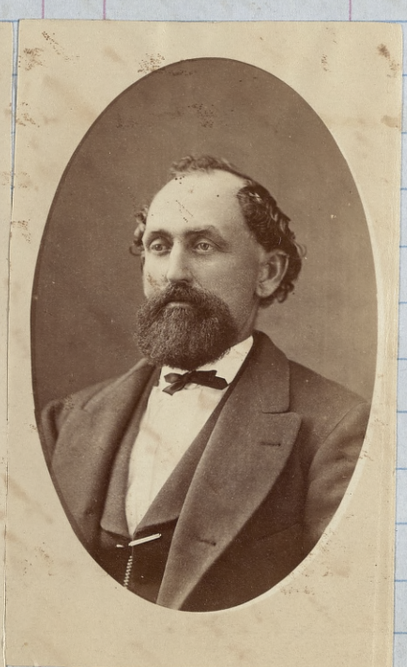
" 25 — Heavy white frost last night, after a slight rain yesterday. — Me and Davidson still repairing house; and the two Ritchie Boys working at my wood pile, getting it into the cellar — A new family moved into the Lewis house next door, today; germans 3 thinks.

" 26 Rained hard last night and most of today; so the Boys did not come to work, Davidson taking his tools home and worked on our Photograph cart fittings. I forgot to record that Mrs. Aubrey came up from Sacramento last Friday evening, and stayed overnight to see about the house that Halsey lives in, it being in my charge, as security for $150, I loaned her, but I have not got it all back yet, and she has appointed lawyer Brown her agent, against my wishes and I think I will trouble them some about it unless I am paid. Halsey claims all the Gallery work

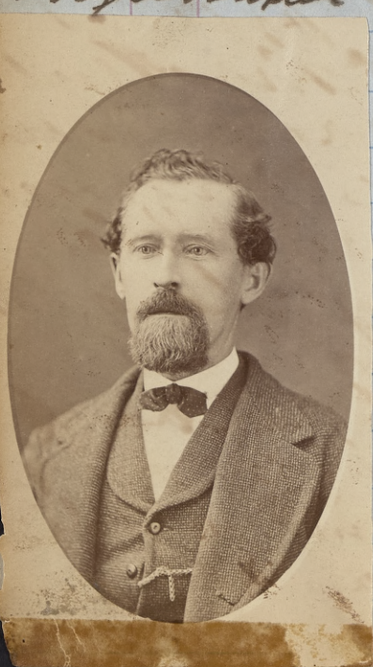
another letter from Miss M. B. Smith of N.Y.

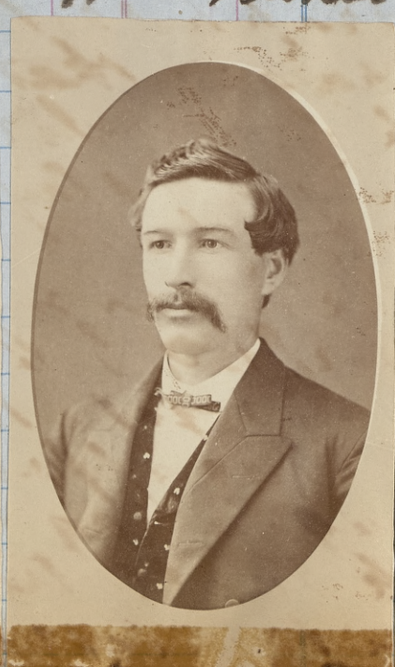
Mrs. Roland — James Davidson.





Skyle Baker — Matt Baker





F. H. Bake — McIntosh — Sim Gordon

Nov. 6 Weather very changeable during the past week. The first part we had a little rain, then clear, — Cloudy and cool, and today we have rain and snow. — Serious R. R. accident near Spada Run thursday night last, one fireman named Parks killed and others hurt. —

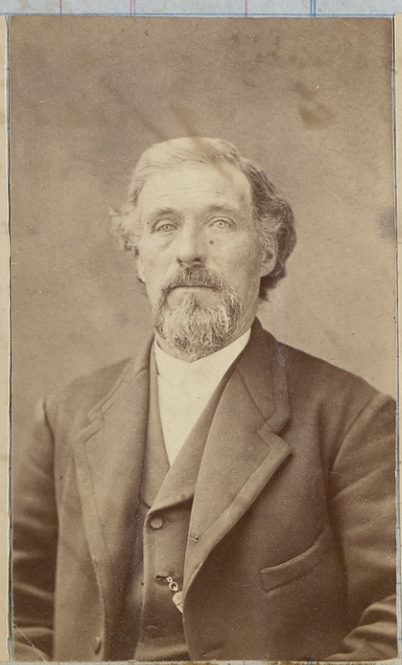
Friday night last the eastern bound Mail train was robbed at Verdi, of the Express matter, and the next night further east of its mail, losing about $100,000 worth, mostly coin and Greenbacks. — The last three days we have been out with our new Photo. cart making pictures of Alta, and Fowl Bro's. Alabama saw Mill, getting some very good negatives; — Stereoscopic, and full size for framing. —

" 5 Monday, being stormy we did not go out as intended, but done some home fixing up, I having about got my house in a good winter condition &c.

" 13 Last tuesday, weather being fair I went to Colfax with others, to attend Siloam Chapter R. A. M. (Halsey running the Gallery) and returning after midnight, having had a good time, and the belly ache ever since, and some head ache also! — Wednesday was taking pictures at the Switch above Alta, but it commenced to rain about noon, and we run our cart home in it getting wet. — Evening Odd Fellows Thursday, we repaired damages, and made some improvements, preparatory to another start tomorrow. — Jerome Clark and wife called in to see us this P. M. Saturday, we made photographs of Fowl's old Mill above Town, — chemicals out of order, and we broke one spring on the cart. I had the diarrhea most all last week. — Fine weather again

Emmadelson , Mrs. Tales , Miss M. McClure

Rob. Newton Taylor



J. Freyls

1870

Nov. 20th and my birthday, which makes me 38 years old, Oh Christopher! Oh crackey! but how time flies.. Beautiful clear weather all the past week, - we worked in the Gallery all the week, printing bill heads, for Adler & Hendepohl, and finishing up our views, taken out doors.

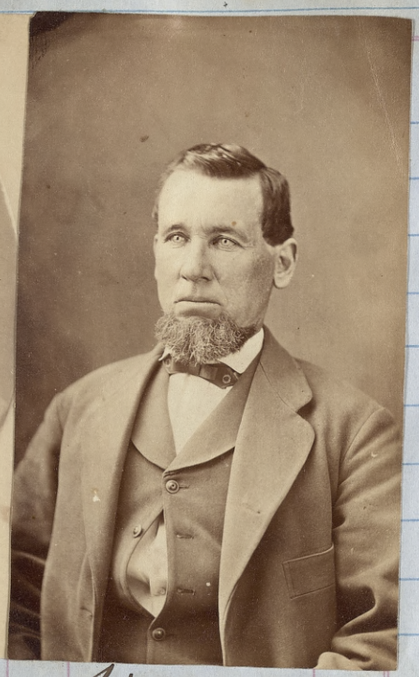
Tuesday night our cow had a calf, and wednesday night our Sow had 8 little pigs; surely our family is increasing; Anna has been very sick most of the week after a big days washing, and the whole family is not very well; having a sort of a diarhea; like as though we had all been poisoned someway, like Bonse was by tin in the apple sass,

Thursday E. W. Towle went east, with his Mother and Mrs. Halsey, and I sent by him a package of pictures to my New York sister, which he agreed to deliver to her, - The M. W. Grand Master of the I. O. O. F. of this state, E. W. Dannals, visited Olive Lodge No 81. I. O. O. F. of this place, at its last meeting, We took his picture for the Lodge Album, - During the week I rec'd. powers of Attorney from D. F. Heathaway of Santa Barbara, and Co. P. Reeves of Suisun; to dispose of property in this town for them

" 25 Rain yesterday, and pleasent weather the rest of the week, The 24th was thanksgiving day, - The last three days I tended the Express and telegraph office for Mr. Delure, and friday eve. the Express offs. roof got afire, damage slight, Yesterday Mrs. E. W. Halsey gave birth to a daughter, fine treat

Mrs. Kruger

L. Barbaro.



Simons

Magain McClure
Miss
Hadley
Josephine
Alice Abel

Dec. 4. Pleasent weather most of the past week, but the last two days rainey. Saturday evening tended Masonic Lodge, when officers were elected for the ensuing year. viz. W. H. Kruger reelected W. M. & Alex. G. Oliver S. W. - Joal A. Stone J. W. - E. L. Bradley Tres. and Thomas J. Nichols elected Sec. I was busy most all day making pictures, and writing up minutes of masonic meeting. -

" 11 - Rain & Snow storm till friday, since then fine weather, which was what we needed at the Gallery to print pictures, which we improved. - Three days from tuesday till thursday inclusive, I tended store for G. S. Maker, while he went to San Fran. to buy goods. - Wednesday night the wife of B. F. Moore gave birth to a daughter. - Yesterday, Charlie was sick, and we called in Dr. Jones last night. - He is better today

" 18 One day and night, the first part of the week stormy, some Snow, the rest of the week, pleasent days, but very cold nights - Friday, I took a hunt into Nevada county, via Seawel Hill, and steep hollow, on to the Yuba ditch, but found no big game, so I went to "Red Dog", took supper with Mr. & Mrs. Ennis, and in the evening attended Mount Carmel Lodge No 159. F. & A. M. where I officiated in the Installation of officers, having a good time, finishing with a lunch, story telling &c etc. after which I walked to "Gou Bet" and lodged at the hotel, and walked home next morning, finding Anna sick in bed. To day had Dr. Jones to see her, think she is better tonight.

Our landlord has been unwell lately, the Gallery has been closed last week

Copy,
Dean Blanchard
Deceased

Bush

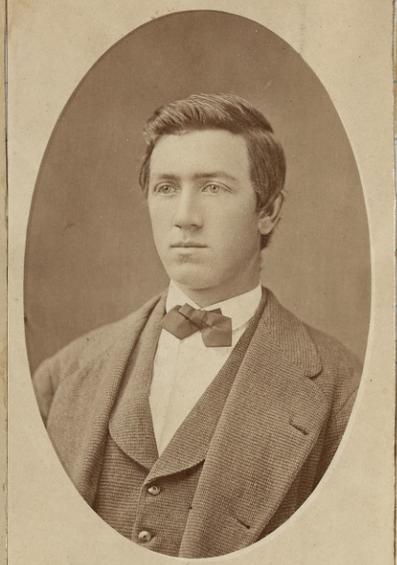
Louie Gould

Mr Pollard

Mrs Mc Clure, Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Clark

Christmas Day!
Weather still pleasent and clear
It being sunday, Christmas was a very quiet day at Dutch Flat, it being passed in Eating Sociability generally. – Anna got well again, and is now tolerable smart. – No other important thing to write about, only one of our bulletts hatched out twelve chickens. Oh! last night the Union church folks had Christmas tree, and I personated old Santa Clause, giving away a basket of Candy, I bought about $10. worth of presents
1871 to Eva and Charlie – I got O
New years Day 1871 – and still beautiful fine weather, – Last monday night we went to the Christmas Ball at the Theater, danced all night and had a very good time, and nobody sick after it – We had roast pig for our Christmas dinner, on the 26th, but we really dined at Mr. Clarks on Christmas day, and today we had a roast duck for dinner, and Mr Langley of Little Junk with us – Mr. J. E. Benton preached at the Union Church today, and also this evening; we are going to hear him tonight – By last night I rec'd a Deed of a house lot in the city of Santa Barbara, 50 + 100 – at $250, – $150, being already paid, –
" 8 Weather still pleasant, and no appearance of stormes. – Skating on Bradleys reservior near Alta, especially evenings, as the Moon is very full and high; most of the town was up there last night. – I bought the house and lot next our house, for $150. of Lewis, of Santa Barbara so I'd ra

Katy Cozzens



Mrs.

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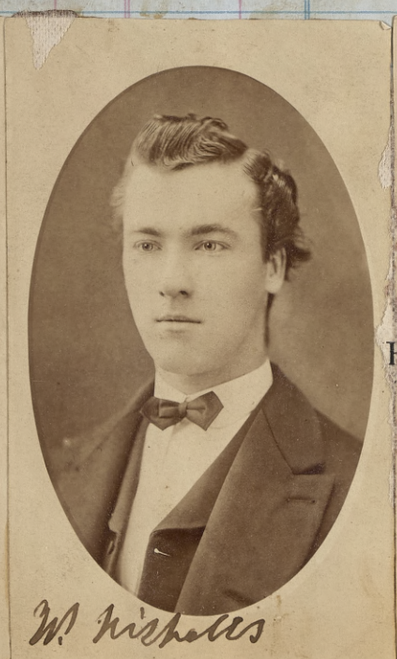

W. Nicholles

Western

Jan. Journal

Sat 14 Storm since my last entry, Rain and Snow, but more of the former than the latter, and one very, very cold night, (Wednesday night) this week; the same night that the ladies surprised the Odd Fellows, and took to a supper and at Smith & Mizes, where all had a gay time till most morning, Whew!!!

Tuesday last, a Mr Wagoner of "Yuba Bet" married Mrs. Hursey of this place, and the week before Mr H. K West of this place married a little York Girl.

Bully for them says I!

The last three days good ice for Skating on B. & B's reservoir near Alta; but getting bad very fast now, the weather being very mild tonight — — Miff in the house today, because Charlie run off to play, late breakfast the result, "all quiet on the Potomac to night"

Jan 18 Pleasant till today, and rain commenced to fall about sunset, and is raining hard now. —

Today Mrs S. J. Halsey went below, taking Sarah to the Santa Clara School for young ladies; he then intends going further south to see the Country &c &c. — Today posted up my water works books, and sent statement to J. T. Mathewson, at White Pine — Today we took some composition pictures, "The Bachelor difficulties" — "Shaving" "Unsuccessful Artist" &c &c. — My foot is still sore, darn it I say!

## Fancies (The Cat)

'Tis midnight—on the garden wall,
"See that dark object, what is that?"
But when they heard a fiendish yawl,
They knew at once it was the cat.

When disappears the yellow cream,
From off the milk within the vat,
You hear an angry woman scream,
"It was the cat! It was the cat!"

When Romeo, on his bare head,
Gave Juliet "taffy" and all that
She thought she heard the old man's raid
But Juliet said it was the cat.

## To - 9.

I sometimes feel a pang of jealous pain
That, while I walk all lonely, other eyes
May haply smile to yours that smile again
Beneath the sun and stars of other skies.
The past is past; but is it sin if yet
I, in calm content would seek to dwell
Who will not grieve, yet cannot quite forget
Still send a thought to you, and wish you well.
(Sometimes)

Jan. 22. Pleasent weather most of the past week, after a storm, but it is commencing to rain again tonight. — Friday eve, I and Anna went to a dance at Mrs. Farrs, and had good time, but my foot is not well yet, and I got another bad cold "I did! so I did!" — The C. P. R. R. mail car was robbed last night at Alta where they stop for supper going East. W. F. & Co lost 6, dw. as $10,000, besides the mail that was taken, what next? —

Printed Bill Heads for A. A. Ferguson today, and tonight 3 white letters to "Masonic Mirror" San Fran. and "Asphaltum water pipe co." "Alameda point."

" 29 Pleasant after another storm that made plenty of water for mining in this vicinity. Cold last night, nev. —

Friday night Mrs. Ellen Doan with 3 children, she being on her way to Boca, from Santa Barbara, she stops till tomorrow. = — Two days ago I rec'd a nice Book by mail, not knowing where it came from but guess New York — Halsey reports a scandalous hog, Dog, and Pittman fight yesterday up town —

Last night wrote letters to Miss M. B. Smith Newark C. and "Masonic Mirror"

Feb. 5 Since Thursday last been tending the Telegraph office, McClure being away to Oakland, to bury his Father who died there wednesday last, —

Last night Masonic meeting. —

Papers say, Friday last Yates surrendered to the prussians. — Light rains but not sufficient to fill the ditch

Fancies (The new baby)

Another little wave,
Upon the sea of life,
Another soul to save
Amid the toil and strife,

Two more little feet
To walk the dusty road
To choose when two paths meet
The narrow and the broad,

Two more little hands
To work for good or ill
Two more little eyes
Another little will

Another heart to love
Receiving love again
And the baby came
A thing of joy and pain.

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Mary had a pair of bangs,
They matched her other hair,
And every night before she slept
She hung them on a chair

She wore her bangs to school one day,
Which made her classmates sore,
And hints went round that Mary's pa
Had worked a dollar store.

That kind of talk produced a fuss—
The teacher took it up;
She locked the bangs in her desk,
Oh, full was Mary's cup.

Feb. 9th 1871

Feb. 9th Light rain today. — Wellure returned tuesday evening. — Halsey Retoyching. Gardner girl photograph. —

The greatest subject of interest for the last few days, has been the Taking testimony in the case of the Monitor, Hydraulic pipes. — Craig Bros. v. J. R. Haskins. — by order of the court at Nevada.

Today made negative rack, to hold 160 — 16½ + 8½ — glass negatives. —

Got a bite this evening. —

Tuesday the 7th paid in to the Express office $50.— for J. T. Mathewson. —

" 12 Fine clear weather, but very dull times. — Thursday night George A Harvey died, a broken down sport, he leaves a grass widow with two children, girls, — Seltzer, is their names, — last week I set out some fruit trees in the adjoining lot, also some Blackberry bushes. — Today we killed a chicken for dinner. — Yesterday I worked some on Gardners extention telegraph to Tillotsons camp, the D.F. reservoir. —

Today Halsey had his picture took, two sittings.

" 19 — Some slight rains during the past week but pleasant most of the time. — I made another trade, bought out J. T. Mathewson half of the waterworks for $800. coin, which I borrowed of Geo. Gunnelson, giving a Mortgage on the whole for security; interest 1½ per cent per month, I think it a good investment having bad luck and accidents.

The Note & Mortgage dated Feb. 18th

Today had my picture took! —

Fancies (The bald head)

"Tell me not, in merry accents,
That I have an unthatched roof.
'Tis the hirsute head that lacks sense,
Baldness is of thought a proof.

Hair is vulgar, hair is useless,
And to brush and comb's a bore,
Making life but dull and jeerless
I wild brush and comb no more.

Not for wise men matted hair is,
Black or brown, or red, or fair;
Let the savage of the prairies
Waste his time in raising hair.

Life is short and hairs are numbered,
And, though flies are hardly harm,
Still at night I've always slumbered
When the nightcap I have worn

In the world's broad field of battle,
Who'd be at the barber's call,
Listening to his tiresome tattle!
Better share as a billiard ball.

Fear no future bald head brother
You were bald in infant days
Crave not hirsute of another
Brain it is, not hair, that pays.

Lives of great men all remind us
That our smooth and polished pates
Leaves all hairy heads behind us
Let us thank the favoring fates.

Footprints of old time's flint walking.
No one sees on our smooth crown
Wind no more the idle talking
Made by envious mop head clowns.

Let us then o' hairless brother
Boldly through life's pathway roll;
We'll remember that our mother
Earth is bare as the pole.

1871

Feb 26th Stormy from monday til thursday night of the past week, about 15 inches of snow falling here, besides considerable rain — Tuesday night the ditch of J. L. Sawtelle broke above town and flooded several houses, spoiling carpets &c. — Monday I went to Auburn with J. T. Staples and J. H. Nicholas, we having been drawn to trial jurors at the District Court, — I impaneled on a murder case. Leach for murder of — Castello at Auburn last July; case concluded Tuesday and we the jury was sent out, and failing to agree were locked up till Thursday our "grub" being brought to us — a cold ~~miserable time we had~~ a miserable time we had of it. — Friday I went to Opher to see Rev. R. N. Peck, and returned to Auburn the same night.

Saturday was on another case, but it was non-suited, and we were sent home, which we did very willingly by the next train, where I found my my family all well, &c etc. —

Mch. 4 Pleasent weather most of the past week, but it is raining today. — Thus far the raines have been favorable for farmers this season, but not so much so for mining. —

Wednesday night last we went to a dance at Mrs. Parks, and Anna has been sick ever since, being quite bad today. — Last night attended Masonic Lodge till 11 o'clock.

Have got a rat trap, and am ketching them every day and night, big fellows that have been bothering us for a long time, and getting too thick and bold in and about the Gallery — Politics is getting to be the topic of conversation again. — Last week the Prussians entered Paris.

"Rain falls; sun shines; winds flee;
Brooks run; yet few know how,
Do not thou too deeply search
Why thou lovest me now.

Perhaps by some command
Sent earthward from above,
Thy heart was doomed to lean on mine-
Mine to enjoy thy love.

Why ask, when joy doth smile,
From what bright heaven it fell
Men mar the beauty of their dreams
Who trace their source too well."

Gentle Spring

"Come, lovely spring, with all thy flowers,
Primrose and violet, come;
Sweet verdure, cloth again the bowers-
But, let us hear thy hum!
And hearts shall leap, and tongue shall sing
And welcome forth the new-born spring"

"Thus e'en as winter storm departs,
Shall all our sorrows go;
There is the spring time of the heart,
The spirits genial glow.
The sun of hope with glorious ray
Drives all the clouds of care away."

Tobacco is a nauseous weed.
It was the Devil that sowed the seed.
It drains your purses, stents your cloths.
And makes a chimney of your nose."

1871

Mch 11 Pleasent today, as well as the latter part of the last week, the first part being stormy, so the ditches are now well filled and most of the claims are washing that expect water this year.
Last Wednesday night we went to a little dance at Mrs. Farrs, and Anna has been sick ever since, as usual after a dance. Today I finished printing some Circulars for the National Hotel, J. A. C. Smith, proprietor, the house just opened after being closed for several years.
Last monday Mrs. B. Floyd gave birth to a daughter, having been married seven months; pretty good!
" 14 Yesterday Halsey went to San Fran. to work for wages in Fass' Gallery, this town not good enough to support two of us in this gallery, these dull times especially. his family remain here for the present. This P.M. I repaired the P.M. telegraph line at the Cemetery, and took two negatives of Masonic Hall Building, the weather being cloudy, and good for viewing &c.
" 19 Steady rain, during the last 24 hours, and also stormy most of the past week, so I have done scarcely any thing in the Photo. line of work but put in my time working about the house and lot. Tuesday Anna went with me and joined the Good Templers, which much rejoices me, for she is more inclined to drink intoxerating liquor than I am, and I hope she will stay true to her pledge as well as I mean to myself, for her, and the childens sakes, if nothing else.

"A little love will do for a man,
But a woman craves it ever;
Her heart, built on the broad-gauge plan,
Transports without endeavor
Whole tons of love, which would pain
Bestow at her sweet pleasure;
But if you tread upon her train,
Her hate will know no measure.

One step and then another,
And the longest walk is ended;
One stitch and then another,
And the largest rent is mended;
One brick upon another,
And the highest wall is made
One flake upon another
And the deepest snow is laid
Rome was not built in a day,
The ancient proverb teaches,
And nature by her trees and flowers,
The same sweet sermon preaches,
Think not of far-off duties
But of duties which are near;
And, having once begun to work
Resolve to persevere.

March 1871

Clear most of the time since my last
22 entry, but clouding up again this eve.
Died Yesterday a Chinaman was killed in the diggings near town by being washed thru a tunnel and over the tail dump.
Last saturday night I spent 1.75 in a raffle, got nothing! — About $1000.00 went from this town for tickets in the Grass Valley lottery, and only hear of about $150.00 being drawn in this vicinity. — We have a singing school in town now, also a female fortune teller at the hotel, an adventurer I guess and accomodating to the boys that have money &c.
I made some good pegertines today.
" 26 A light rain, but cleared off again now and quite pleasent again. Finished fence back of barn. —
" 29 Last Monday F. Burckhalters fine house was burned, it being occupied by B. F. Moore and family, whose effects were mostly saved; it being a windy day the main part of town was in great danger, but the water works sent a stream of water that stoped it, now the people see the benefit of the water-works and last night held a town meeting at the Golden Eagle Hall and resolved to raise funds to put in new pipes, the present ones being nearly worn out, and small, a committee of 5 appointed to divise ways & means, meeting adjourned &c.
" 31 Last night town meeting again. Com. rept advising $2500.00 be raised by assessment by mutual covenant &c Rept accepted & concurred in — E. L. Bradley, N. W. Blanchard E. L. McClure, J. Taff & B. F. Moore com. to see it carried out &c adjourned &c

# Lines to —

When I am old and faded and sorrows cloud my brow
Do you think that you will love me, will you love me then as now?
Or will some younger, fairer face claim what you now give me
And will you, can you ever wish the tie to severed be,
If that time should ever come dear I will love you just the same
And say, take back the love you gave tho, my heart should break with pain
I would say God bless you ever, for what you've been to me.
Yet I would not hold you to that love, if you wished to be set free.
I am growing old my darling, time is fleeting and the years
That have passed there scarcely brought me aught but blasted hopes and fears
This is why I ask the question for my joys have scattered been,
Do not blame me while I ask it, for I would not give you pain.

C. M. H. June 6-1881

March 31st Yesterday was buried Mr. Duncan and his partner who were killed at Blue Bluffs, by a cave in the tunnel where they were mining. Mr. D. leaves a large family, and had but lately moved from here.

Died

Thursday the business part of Truckee was burned — 2nd or 3d time.

Today I got out the cast and took some views of the town — wrote letters to Rev. R. M. Peck, Ophir, Moses Pillsbury &c & S. F. and check for $20. very fine and warm weather; peach trees being in bloom &c.

Apr. 2nd The waterworks com. have levied an assesment of 4½ per cent on the main street property, as directed, for the new water pipes; mine being $33.75 of the $2500, to be raised; — Cold & cloudy today. Last night attended Clay Lodge F. & A. M., and also wrote letters &c.

" 9. Cold, windy, cloudy, or stormy all the past week. — Friday Bro. Luke Burk, died at Little York, and was buried here today by Olive Lodge No 87 I. O. O. F. in our cemetery.

Easter = Died

I worked in the garden, on the waterworks or in the house most of the past week — The Chapman singing school had an exhibition at the Union Church, Friday & Saturday eve.

" 15th A clear weather last week, but it is snowing this sunday evening. Friday we went to Colfax to Masonic funeral of Bro. Johnathan Brown, aged 79 — there being also just 79 masons in the procession.

" I got new suit of cloths at Voight & Eakins $22.

Skating Rink opened last night at the Theater for roler skating

"When thy friends forsake thee, then will the Lord take up." It was this way brave, with the media, the conditions by which she was surrounded so permeated her entire being both physically and mentally, that to comprehend the result was to mortal power unattainable, but the suffering and anguish endured by the medium, and which did to her mental vision have only the semblance of persecution, was but to discipline her and enhance the developement of a work yet to be done- The tried sensitive soul is the one most susceptible of influence, and the same law that governs the one life, governs the other also, to this end, as like begets like, sensitive natures draw sensitive influences, hence the media in a semiconscious state ~~state~~ senses and realizes that which would tend toward decision on the part of the controls.- The brave has yet to study and understand the law of control, but when once the spiritual eye is opened and he finds himself face to face with facts that dare not be gainsaid, it is then and only then that he will be thrust into the presence of experimental knowledge.- Time the great healer which eventually work all things together for the greatest amount of good, and the time is coming, yea, it is here, when none shall dare to rise in rebellion against truth.- But in order to accomplish the greatest amount of good, it is necessary to harmonize influences, to bring and throw them together and to try by the most skilled devices, such as are yet to be tried in earth life, to find and test the problem of combining forces.- To this end we quick our mediums, here and there, and to and fro, at times almost depriving them of their individuality, but not without its good results to the media and to the opposing elements, we cannot, neither would we wish to change or in any way regulate the glorious and good law of the ever controlling Nature, but we would wish affliction and

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(1871) Dean H. son of N. W. Blanchard died today, 22nd

Apr. 22nd The last few days weather pleasant, attended an I.O.O.F. funeral at Gold Run thursday, a Bro. Williams of that Lodge having died of Pneumonia.
No ground broke yet towards laying new town water pipe. Sunday 23d to the church

Apr. 30 Last monday was a very windy day, which done some damage about town, and I hear that the best part of the town of Antioch was burned that day, it also injured the crops in many parts of the state. — no rain last week, or frost either. —
Last tuesday attended another I.O.O.F. funeral at Gold Run — U. S. Walcott of that Lodge having died of the prevalent disease, Pneumonia. He was at one time a mining partner with me at Monumental canon in 1860 I think was. He was a na-
Died tive of N.Y. state, aged 39, leaving a wife and child. — Wednesday the 26th was the annual celebration of I.O.O.F. throughout the U.S. — there being a county celebration at Auburn I did not go, and but few did from here but I learn that there was a good turnout. — Friday and Saturday evenings M.E. Sabbath School concert. — The Skating Rink is still popular. Last night Masonic meeting. F. Drohs. F. & A.
May 7 Weather, clear and warm the first part of last week, the last four days being cloudy, and today quite cool. — The last three days I was out with the cart taking views of the town and diggings — Friday night special meeting of Clay Lodge. Last night Mrs. Lockes concert at the M.E. Church — Mrs. Butler M.D. is giving medical lectures at the U. Church, (Good?)

and harmonize natures one for the other, that the great law of supply and demand, that has for untold ages been hungering and thirsting for righteousness sake, might be satisfied. The most important laws of Nature that are ultimate to the most happiness of mankind, have, and do receive the least amount of attention - As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among his kind. In this way the media is sent, and as an apple tree amidst a forest, and by the most intricate devices, not of herself, but through invisible forces, is she made to sense and realize the result of her long waiting, and we do most earnestly hope and desire for the benefit of the Media, the powers that be, for the brave and all in unison, that trust with patience, will be the watchword, and in return we do most solemnly agree and promis, that this our medium, through our interference and help, shall not violate or betray any trust or reasonable obligation expected from her, on the part of the brave. - To this we do most sacredly pledge ourselves as a band.

Ye - We - Hee - for the band

June 12th 1881

May 14th A warm spell of Spring weather
" during most of last week — I was out some with my Phot. cart. — The Skating Rink is still very popular &c
Wife and I, to the Good Templers tuesday evening, and we were elected to the highest offices. — Letter from Halsey 600 feet cast iron water pipe is being put down thru main Street, 4 and Six inch, with the old fire plugs. —

" 21 Cloudy and cool most of the past week, with rain today, was out with my Phot. cart, several days, took Depot, Juba Ditch Flume, Apiels claim the Town &c etc. — Done some printing of circulars for a Harness maker, just come to town, and also for a new Dress Maker and Millinery establishment. — The former named Charles E. Bush, young man with a wife, the latter Mrs. A. McGary, a widow Lady (in years) from Santa Cruz, she says. — Mrs. Pittman been trying to have a baby, and cont. for several days and nights, Anna being with her two nights making me sleep alone, and some more of the same sort coming I expect. — Man named Merkle was killed by a cave in a claim at Gold Run Friday, who next? Methodist quarterly Meetings all week

" " 28. Rain, lots of it, cold. — Thursday Mrs. Pittman had Boy baby — no news last week — Thursday night Hemming's troupe at the Theater — last night Democratic primary — C. J. Brown's lecture, Good Temp. & Masonic Lodge

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Dutch Flat Cal
Nov. 20th 1881

# Lines Written and Dedicated

to J. T. Coffin on occasion of His
49th birth day, Nov 20th 1881
By Cynthia M. Coffin

We come with a song to greet thee
O're the shaddowy river of time,
From friends that have lived in earth-life
Dwellers, now, in that happy clime.
We have come with hearts of gladness
For the day has fell into line
That ushers in a new born year
And thay guests, "hale" forty nine.

We have come to give thee a welcome
And a God-speed on thy way
For the sunlight of peace and happiness
Will turn thy night to day.
We have come, though our hearts are saddened
For we see that sorrow and care
Has left their impress on thy brow
And silver through thy hair.

But old times are dead let them bury their dead
We have come to greet forty nine,
And to sing thee this song as we pass along.
From the Elm where bright poets recline
Take no heed of the past, let it sink to rest
And bury it forever from sight
For the bright new-year that is ushering in
Comes crowned with a golden light.

Rest in peace, keep thy trust for the angels of love
Will guide thee and thine ever more,
In paths that are pleasant, free from pain & strife
To fit thee for works far above;
Far above all earth-works, for thy'r laden with care
And are only as moth and rust,
For a spiritual work forever goes on
While the works of earth turn to dust.

June 4th " Pleasant weather most of the week, — Steps, Skating Rink is still popular, — I took some more views of Kelsey's Jehoshaphat claims, and also the adjoining claims, the Walkhegan and yesterday I went to Gold Run on afternoon train, paid W. K. Fiddler $125.00 on note, took a ramble through the mines prospecting for good views for pictures, coming home by the way of "Plug Ugly Hill," which was an ugly walk, and nothing pretty about it as I could see, got home at 5 P.M very tired, rested a while got supper, then hunted cow in the woods until most 9, not finding her, since yesterday morning.

" 11 Very hot all the week, — Monday I hunted cow, getting at 4 o'clock, Kittmans boys brought her home at dark, she not having been milked for 4 days, darn such luck — Tuesday got out my Photo. cart went to Carbon Creek, took several Photos of Benters claims, leaving cart at Jones' Wednesday went on down the Creek, taking Harriman's and Taylor's claims and hauled cart to Gold Run, and came home on the cars, Odd Fellows Lodge in the evening, Thursday walked to Gold Run, and cart to Willards claims, took it 6 views — back home on cars, damed tired Circus in town tonight, guess every went but us, — Friday to G. R. again took views of Judds and Brogans claims fine pictures, home, tired, hot! most dead, darn! Saturday ditto, took the town some, hauled cart home, took bath clean clothes on — Union Church Festival!

Today Sunday and suffering.

June 18th Sunday after a week of beautiful weather, warm some fall rain, and vegetation looking fine. Cherries now ripe and lots of them, and other fruits equally promising. I worked in the gallery most of the week finishing up my views &c. Anna is sick today after doing a big washing friday

" 25 Some thunder showers during the past week, and the weather otherwise various. Cool today. – The new town water pipe will be finished, and ready for use this week. Republican primary election yesterday, and democratic ratification meeting last night, the political pot is beginning to boil. Anna is some better, and went to church tonight. – I sent samples of my views to San Fran. for Halsey to sell for me – Today Mr. Deluse went to Jankie Fine for sev. days I doing the telegraphing for him while gone. – Tooth ach! –

July 2 Very hot weather all last week, and I was working out in it most of the time on the new water pipes, making new connections for all houses above the Theater, and I am most used up today. ~~Friday last~~ Thursday last ~~the~~ Depot Hotel and over a mile of snow sheds were burned, and one man was burned to death at Emigrant Gap. – Our new town water pipe is now laid, but not being in good condition to hold water yet, is not accepted by the committee The fourth will be celebrated at Gold Run – Yesterday Dist. Repub. Convention at Gold Run; more anon

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July 16 Weather hot all last week, but cooler today, — worked on the waterworks about all the week, and had some hired help. — The 2nd district Placer Co. Repub. convention at Gold Run 1st nominated Bates Hobbs for constable James Jameson Justice of the peace, L. T. Allen Assessor, — L. Munson collector, and Luke Lecyrd Supervisor. — This morning Mrs. E. Mallows died very suddenly, being well as usual last night — She was a twin sister of Mrs. Baker, who died several weeks ago. —

Today worked in Gallery and took supper at Wm. Frathers & Wednesday night last Odd Fellows instalation, I being installed Warden. —

" 23 Tolerable hot weather, — Mr. Stephen Hoos died in San Fran. the 20th and was buried there yesterday, age 45 years. he leaves a young wife (his second) and two children — I had four Chinamen all the last week digging out a hole in which to build a new reservoir for benefit of the town, in cases

" 30 of fires — Charlie run off monday morning and stayed away till thursday, when I found him with a big gun, he had been sleeping in the hotel barn, and visiting for his food, geting some at the stores and bakers on my account, since he came back he has had to wear girls cloths, for punishment last night good Templers, and Masons met — Only yesterday got done grading for new reservoir —

Many children sick in town, Fruit getting ripe.

Aug. Weather still continues very hot.
5. Finished building new reservoir last week, at a cost of over $300. —
I have taken a life Insurance policy in the ~~Knicker~~ Contenental Co. of New York for $2000. in favor of my wife. — N. W. Blanchard Agent at Dutch Flat. —
Friday night great Democratic demonstration at Auburn, the leading candidates being there, and five trains running — I Charlie still kept at home in girls clothes, except sundays and special occasions.
Today went to hear Rev. Mr. Newton preach at the M. E. Church, also attended Sabbath School. — Faith Ashe
" 13 Weather hot as usual, — Yesterday, 3 at a dog, put from Gold Run.
Still working out door most of the time on the waterworks — Nothing new this week.
" 20 Weather ditto. — Friday evening Repub. demonstration — Love, and Cole of this state, and Nye of Nev. being the speakers, — a good meeting withal.
I had a very bad cold the last three or four days, but it is better now.
Last night at the Good Templers Lodge Myself, and wife, and Bro. Kidder were elected to attend the Grand Lodge at Oakland the 26th of next month.
The Chinese are having a big religious Festival and demonstration here at a cost of several thousand dollars, and importation of Priests, and material from San Francisco — The thing is kept going night and day to the great delight of the boys &

Aug. Weather very warm, dry and
25 smoky. Tuesday and Wednesday eves. the Ralphs Troupe of Musicians were here, and we danced both nights. —
Wednesday night C. L. Ford ~~and~~ a Photo. from Buffalo N.Y. was here to see me. I sold him 4 view negatives of Hydraulic mining — He has been taking the Yosemite valley and the Big Trees of Calaveras Co. and now going home. — Thursday night Anna sat up with Mrs. Pittman, who was sick, and Anna is now sick herself on account of it. — I wrot to my sister in N.Y. today, and sent her $5.
Friday night I went to Red Dog and attended Mt. Carmel Lodge No 155 F. & A. M. getting home at 1 A.M.
Last night I was in attendance at the Meeting of Clay Lodge No 101 F. & A. M. — A lazy day this.
" 10 Weather cooler and pleasent, but much smoke prevails, I was most of the past week working on the water-works, on account of a bad joint in the new main pipe near the big reservoir. —
State election for Governor and others took place last wednesday, and it was a close contest, but the party in power (Democrats) were defeated. — Newton Booth of Sacramento is the "coming man", he about 6000 majority.
Wife sick most of the time, but we put up some fruit, it being plenty this year. — Today I sowed another bed of white turnips.
Went to the station this eve and saw the eastern bound passenger train pass, and walked back, wrote letters &c.

Sept. 17 – Been warm, dry, dusty, and smoky all the past week, during which time I tended the telegraph office till friday night, while Mr. Clure was on a visit to Yankee jims – The supervisors of this county counted over the votes for sheriff twice, which has reelected Dunnam, the democrat candidate, – Anna was working all the week preserving fruit, for the the winter = nothing new, no marriages babys, deaths, or nothing, Oh yes I forgot! Saturday Sept. 9th Miss Lizzie Kinney was married to James Phelan, of Gold Hill nev, and gone with him.

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Married

" 24 Weather still pleasent.
Two days last week a had J. Hauser hired, working with me on reservoir balance of the week I did not do much of any thing but help my wife paper the house, fix down new carpet, steal fruit &c etc.
" Last night attended Masonic Lodge
The Annual state fair took place at Sacramento last week, it being a perfect success, &c

26 Weather changed today, cloudy and cold south wind with indications of rain – H. H. Halsey returned from S. F. sunday, and will run the Gallery after this for himself on small rent – Today I had Chris. Cassidy working with me on the reservoir,

Oct 1 The nights were cool last week and the days pleasent = warmer now. – Had C. Cassidy working two days with me on the resivoir, and them well fixed –
" Beck is having this building repaired,
Wife sick
Halsey now running the Gallery!

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Oct. 8 Pleasant weather and very dry and also smokey. — Friday rather windy. —
Tuesday morning I went Em. Jap on the early morning train, and packed a load of bed and grub to Bradleys ranch, shooting 2 squirels, — next day with Hurpink & son, went 12 miles further to Dryserdoffers Mill, where we camped and hunted till ~~tuesday~~ friday then went to the forks of the Yuba, via Cisco. where we hunted grouse till
Nov. 9th when I came home on cars from Cisco. H. & son going to Monumental canon via Bradleys ranch. — We learn by telegraph that yesterday Chicago the Queen city of the great Northwest was burned to ashes, loss supposed to be $150,000,000 and over 50,000 people rendered homeless. —
Oct 14 Weather warm, friday windy very. — Repaired reservoir thursday & friday, and yesterday walked about 130. mile on the railroad fixing W. U. telegraph east of Blue Canon.
a crazy man commited suicide at Alta thursday evening by puting his head on the r. r. track before the cars — Last night the I. O. O. F. here had meeting to make preparations to organize an Encampment of the Order here. I was appointed one of com. of three to make the needed preparations &c
" 22 Weather warm dry, dusty & smokey. — Thursday
" night temperance lecture by Rev. Rich dance afterwards. — Sister Mrs King sick wife nursing her, Friday night. Blind Tiger dance after. — Sister getting worse. Today our dog killed Rabbit. I killed dog = Bethal wha
Baked Beans.

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Oct. 30th Weather clear and pleasent until friday when it rained a day, laying the dust finely, first rain of the season.

Thursday P. M. at 5 o'clock my sister died (at low tide) after being sick two weeks, with biliousness and inflamation of the stomack & bowels, - Her husband W. A. King, myself and wife stood by her bedside when she died, as well as being with her most of the time during the last week of her sickness - she had her mind up to several hours of her death, and told all about how she wanted her funeral, things disposed of &c etc, even to the kind of gloves we should wear at the funeral. She suffered much, but she made her peace with God at the 11th hour, and I hope has gone to heaven, - The Rev. Mr. Cummings prayed with her several times at her request, and she derived comfort therefrom; the funeral was friday P. M. from the house sacramento St. Dutch Flat cal. - to the old cemetery on the hill Her age was, - 43

Died (in law)

Nov. 5 Weather the past week, clear and pleasent, till friday, than 24 hours rain, snow in the mountains since clear and cool, This my got up at 4 o'clock and walked to Alta intending to take fright train to Em. Gap. and have a deer hunt, got sold on it, there being no train last sunday mornings - Home again to bed - Took the family out riding up the divide till 4

Heavy frost last night

November
12th " Good weather most of the past week, with little rain yesterday, and indications of more tonight — Monday & tuesday me and King sqwed wood in the woods for Gallery & Masonic Hall, the rest of the week being idle — John W. Kishlip died wednesday night of Pneumonia, aged 20, "Such is life" Jno. a deformed few photographer ~~etc~~ formerly in our Gallery at San Francisco, died at Virginia City last week, another gone! —

Died

Our Dutch Flat Union Church is now without a preacher, Cummings gone

" 19 Wednesday last rain about 24 hours, the balance of the week pleasant. — I was at work with J. J. Brady building a new extention on back of Masonic Hall till friday when I went to Auburn with six others, (Odd Fellows) and in the afternoon visited the Odd Fellows Cemetery, and the county Hospital, and in the evening we were all initiated into Auburn Encampment, taking the three degrees, the Patriarchal, Golden Rule, and Royal Purple degrees, with an oyster supper, going to bed near thy next morning. — Saturday came home on freight train at 4 P.M. — Yesterday the Liberty pole was cut off and replanted.

" 25 A little rain the first part of the week, then pleasant, but yesterday rain again, and coming down hard today with much wind; snow visible above town — During the week, I got wood for Masonic Hall, and Halsey, two loads more yet to get — Anna sick tuesday last week — Last night Masonic Lodge till "low twelve — Backs sow got pigs — Yesterday

for plaintiff Mrs. Morris vs. Thomas Morris suit at Auburn $5.00

Dec. 3rd Sunday. The snow storm of last week continued until tuesday of this week, since then pleasant, but muddy underfoot. — Mrs. S. M. Halsey had another baby this week, a boy — Tuesday and friday, I was out hunting; got only some small game — Hurysink shot two deer — we had some for dinner yesterday — Thursday being thanksgiving day we had a stewed rabbit, and an old chicken. The last two days I was busy printing circulars for Masonic committee — Today I was out hunting, and took a bath after supper.

Born

" 10 Pleasant and clear weather all last week, Monday I hunted, wounded a hog, Tuesday hauled wood, Wednesday elegned Masonic, and Golden Eagle Hall, — Thursday and evening I. O. O. F. Encampment. —

Friday being the anaversary of Olive Lodge No 81 I. O. O. F. — they celebrated by a Rebecka Meeting, Lunch, and a Dance at G. E. Hall, — Good time generally, — yesterday we rested, and attended Good Templars Lodge last night — Today took a bath, hot, and cut toe nails &c. &c. etc. etc. —

All last week Anna was begging for the M. E. Church Christmas tree, and raised about fifty dollars, coin. —

Friday, the 8th was Inauguration day of our new State Governor, Newton Booth, and officers elect for the next two years &c. —

Yesterday Morning Mr. Andrew Lane was married to Miss Sarah Cook, and they have gone to San Fran. on a bridal tour — Lane bought the Greely house on Main street where they will live.

Married, 7th Andrew Lane & Sarah Cooke

Dec. 16th Pleasent all last week but little rain today, with good indications of a Storm — Tuesday last I went to Auburn on passenger train, and got some Encampment fixtures, returned to Colfax the same evening and attended the Siloam Chapter No 34 R. & A. M. — took a bed at the Crescent Hotel, until 2½ o'clock Wednesday Morning, and then came home on the freight train

I got through the Post office an anonimous letter, scandalizing my family, but dont think it will have the desired effect; A cowardly piece of business — The rest of the week I was most of the time working for Haley, getting in his wood, and building a fence. —

Friday evening was the first night of a sitt of dances here in the Hall by the Club got up by Smith and Fuller, of the blind troup; a good party I guess; but attended the Encampment that night, and not the dance. —

" 23 Rain all the week excepting Wednesday and a big fall of rain throughout the state and country generally west of the rockey mountains, — The valleys are now flooded so as to cause some considerable damage, — No trains runing between Sac. and San Fran, but the river steamers run every day, taking passengers and mails.

The two churches, or the lady committees have worked hard, last week in the mud and mire, for their respective interests. — U. C. Christmas tree postponed from last night till further Notice; M. E. Church tree tomorrow eve, Last night Masonic Lodge till 12 P. — This A. M. at 2 o'clock Mrs. Trathen, birth — twins, boys.

Born Yesterday got Justices, letter and Quote to note from Mr. Lewis Anna Midwife

Dec. 31st The last day of the year. — The rain has continued with but little intermission all the past, and this evening it is snowing.

Monday night last, went to the Union & Christmas tree, at 6 P.M. and the M. E. Church tree at 8, — good time generally every body seemed to be getting presents.

~~Tuesday night~~ After me and Anna attended a Social dance at the I. E. Hall, and also having a good time there.

Tuesday Mrs. C. M. Kopp gave birth to another boy, also the same by Mrs. J. A. C. Smith, of the National Hotel, and yesterday I hear Mrs. Hudepohl had another baby, — but by for the ~~babys~~ Babies. —

Born

Wednesday (St Johns day) evening Clay Lodge No 101 F. & A. M. Installed its officers, after which they had a ball and supper at the theater, having a grand time, over 100 persons being present in spite of the storm.

I worked most of the week about the theater, Masonic hall, and the water-works, — and today wrote some for publication in the Auburn Stars and Stripes. — Snowing tonight.

1872 Jan. 7 Healey painting landscape in oil.

Yesterday was the only clear day of last week, the rest being cloudy, and some rain with a little snow.

Last monday night we had a new years ball in the Hall, and a supper in the Gallery, A good time generally — I did not do much work last week; Done some work on the waterworks, and about the house. — Last night the Good Templers voted to celebrate the 22nd of Feb (the birth of Washington, with a Ball & Supper

Rain and snow last week, until friday, since then clear, but cloudy this evening. My Wifes brother Thomas Starr, from San Francisco has been with us all last week, and the last two days Sim Gorden, of Grass Valley also, he having been a playmate of Annas in childhood — Last Sunday Mrs. W. L. Carpenter died, of Paralysis. She was the Mother of Mrs. H. H. Halsey, and had been here about 6 months.— Died

Thursday morning between 1 & 2 O'clock Mrs. E. L. Bradleys house was burglerously entered, and robbed of about $60.00 worth of jewelry; no clue to the theif, altho. John White, a young man formerly in their employ, was arrested and examined before our new justice, James Jameson, but he was discharged, nothing being proved against him.—

Friday night there was to be a dance in the Hall by the Blind fiddlers, but they failed to connect, so the boys got a fiddler here, and had a very little dance any how — Last night I walked to Gold Run, to attend the Odd Fellows Lodge, after which we had supper, and came up on passenger train at 11. — it having been that late, or later, every night during the stormy weather = Today I took a bath, washed some cloths, shot a cat, and we all took supper at Pittmans.

Jan. 21 — Pleasant all last week — monday night we had a little supper party at our house, to please Tommy Starr and Sim. Gorden, they being our guests. I was 5 days tending the telegraph office, while Mr. was on a hunt to Sac. valley; Yesterday bot. 2 canaries of bird pedler $6. each, beautiful singers — Today we all took a walk to Summit Claims and Squires Canon — Tonight to Church. Del

Jan. 28th Tolerable fine weather most of the past week, but rather cold, there being frost most every night. - Nevertheless the Skating rink, and other festivities keep up their licks - Friday night the blind fiddlers, Smith & Fuller, gave another social dance at the S. E. Hall, but had a small attendance, on account of not coming as advertised before, and the boys were mad about it, - us too. -

Feb. 4 More rain last week, and raining now - I was most of the week printing blank notifications for Brooklyn Lodge No 46 - I.O.O.F. at You Bet, - also Circulars and Ball tickets for Oneida Tribe No 31 - Improved Order of Red Men, of this place, for their intended Ball on the 22nd inst. Washingtons Birthday, and I also printed Ball tickets for Mrs. Farr's dance at the Pioneer Hall last Wednesday evening, which we attended and had a good time - Cleaned up today, water abundent, and miners all doing well I guess about here. -

Wrote letters for county papers and to Santa Barbara

Feb 11 Stormy weather most of the past week. More rain having fallen than any previous year since I have been in the state, and in the vallies, I hear, vegitation is a full month in advance of past seasons, - I work at odd jobs, either in or out door, whatever I can get to do to earn money &c.

Friday evening the Blind Fiddlers attempted to have another party in the hall but it was a slim affair

The D. F. Blue Gravel co. are pushing ahead their works rapidly, working a big gang of men - Tonight cold.

Feb. 18th Sunday, and a rainey day, it having rained most of the past week, during which times I did not do much out door work, but took things easy. We helped wife wash, fixed fence cleaned out China town reservior, it having been broken into by teams, — Last night Mr. Clures folks came up, from visit below, and their friends suppised them by having company and supper all ready when the train came, and I tended Lows office for him to be there — Today I printed some stereo. cards — while Anna and the children went to Sunday school — Trancient preacher at the Union Church today. —

Halsey painting picture of the Dutch Flat Saw Mill, and other scenes. —

Feb 26 The first part of last week was fair weather the latter part stormey, cold and disagreable, same now. — worked 2½ days for Mr Hillhouse on garden wall, got a bad cold, and a sore hand by it. —

Thursday evening ~~of~~ the 22nd inst. Oneida Tribe No. 31 — I.O.R.M. order of Red men celebrated the aniversary of Washington's birth by a Ball and supper at the Theater — a big affair, but not enjoyed by all present, causes various, he on account of ~~tooth~~ ash principly. Had the tooth pulled ~~thursday~~ Friday

Today took physic and a bath — chicken dinner — and wrote order for garden seeds and sent with money order to Briggs & Bro. Rochester N.Y. — Last night tended Good Templers and Masonic meetings —

Died China funeral today, — and funeral of Martin Smith last thursday, who died of canser in the face, a horid death leaves a wife and child.

Another pleasent Sunday, after many
a stormey one - - First part of last week the
Mch. 4 weather was stormey, rain & snow. - My left
hand being very sore, from a brier bush, I did
not do much out door work, - monday last, the
Dutch Flat Blue Gravel co. got their big pipe
down, and turned in water from the Yubaditch,
but it burst back of main street and flood-
ed houses, stores, and cellars the north side of
main street below the Masonic Hall, presum-
ed to be sweral thousand dollars damage. -
Yesterday I repaired main pipe on lower street,
Today visited Union Church sabbath School -
Put on store clothes and had my photo. taken
" 11 Two days rain last week, the other five
being cloudy, and fair; raining again
today, with indications of snow -
Yesterday the Dutch Flat Blue Gravel
co. turned water into their big pipe
again, having repaired damages caused
by the first attempt; and it holds this
time, having been strengthened. a big
stream it throughs surely, and more
force than any Hydraulic I ever saw
before - The 240 keg powder blast they
set off on thursday tore up the gravel
bank hugely, making the town shake,
breaking my water pipe that supplies
the lower street, and frightening the
women and children considerably -
I worked 1½ days mining for Mr. Newton,
the rest of the week worked about home
on garden, fence, and chicken house.
Friday night the blind fiddlers tried to
have a dance, but did not get a Quoram,
and left town in disgust, and wont come any
more for a while I guess - Tuesday night we
went to the M. E. Church social at Mrs.
Pittmans - Got letter from cousin T. C. Dame,
Charleston Mass. - another tooth pulled. O

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Clear weather all the past week, I worked 1½ days for J. Newton, Mining. Yesterday and today (Sunday) I worked, on the lower street, putting in new pipe for water, where it had been destroyed by the Blue Gravel co. —
I also worked one day last week at Irina town, where the teames had broke my pipes logs — Tore down the old Chicken house on our lot, Prepaired garden and set out some Blackberry roots, and Plumb trees. —
Plenty of water for the miners yet. — The D. F. B. S. co. are still working a large number of men, and using a large head of water about half the time. —

" 24 Pleasent weather still continues here; altho. we hear of severe stormes in the northern Atlantic states — Saturday the Yuba Ditch broke above Alta, doing some damage, not be fixed until wednesday next. — Tuesday night last, the M. E. Church Social came of at our house; Anna's party, slim affair I called it $6.25 being the receipts for Mr. Dodge, the Preacher. —
Tuesday, Mr. Clehure went to the Bay on an 8 or 10 day visit, and during his absence I am to attending to the telegraph for him — Miss Sallie Halsey, went to San Jose with him to school I suppose — Mrs. Grundy thinks they will be married!
Skating Rink open, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays — P. M. and evening. —
Dog fights occasionally, — Sincere case amittiveness visible — E. Kind. & Miss C. Jacob

March 24th Severe shock of earthquake felt here a little past 2 o'clock this morning, and a lighter one about 6. — The telegraph informs us that it was felt in most every part of the state, most severely at Sacramento and Valley

" 26. A Mr. Browning had some of his fingers cut off accidentally at the Dutch Flat saw mill today, and had to go to Nevada to get surgical assistance, Dr. Martin being there. — I wrote letters to J. A Johson, Santa Barbara, J. C. Schipture, Murphys, Cal, and East.

Vegitation looks well, Peach trees in blossom

" 30 Easter Sunday, we had a roast pig, and some company for dinner. — Pleasant weather, after a little rain during the past week — I tended Telegraph office until thursday night, the other two days of the week worked at home, and built a privy at the "Dale place" — To day took hot bath, a walk about the diggins, and to Alta to see J. Paul start East with Lily, his Bro. in law. — He was one of my old mining partners, and he goes back to Maryland strapped, after working hard three years, sadly disapointed, and discouraged, like many another that I have known.

Apr. A beautiful day. — Cloudy, cold, rain, snow, &c. last week, with frost the last two nights — I worked on water-works Combination Troup Minstrals here, Tuesday Wednesday & Thursday nights, with dance the last night. — Cal. Overland Minstrals at Theatre last night — Got box nicnacks from N.Y. Sister, Friday Mrs Smith started for N.Y. on cars.

Today we took a walk, Got dry grass, water cress &c. We feel fine — Took pulse this mng.

April 14th Very cold last week and stormy most of the time, some snow. Bradley & Bardner, Dutch Flat reservoir broke on the Bear River side. — Mrs. Halsey sick — I worked one day for Hillhouse laying new sidewalk, worked two days repairing bridge between our house and Briddeys, and two days on the catholic church street, digging trench for 500 feet of water pipe logs, that J. Pittman hauled and J. Foreman is boring for me, which will give me several new customers the coming season — Attended M. Church Sunday School today — Took a walk and done some little work at home.

" 28 Pleasent weather last two week, until friday evening, since which time the weather has been stormy and cold. — Friday the 26th was the 53d anivers of Odd Fellowship in America. I we celebrated here, by a Rebecka meeting, Lunch, and dance in the evening, having a tolerable good time — Today I rec'd package of seeds from Briggs Bros, Rochester N.Y. — also package of trout from Boke, fresh from the Truckee river, very nice. — The D. F. Blue Gravel co. have discharged most of their white men for chinese labor, making quite a change in the prospect of affairs, among the common laborers, and gambler in particular — I finished putting in the 500 feet of water logs on catholic church street — I also put picket fence round sister Julies grave. Anna got new pair skates from San Fran

May 5th Very warm and pleasent during the past week - Wednesday evening last we with a stage load went to Little York to their May Ball, had a good time and got home at breakfast time thursday morning, and did not go to bed -
Thursday I got out my Photo. cart, went up the hill to the old cemetery and took some views of the town
The rest of the week I helped Mr. Ent the Telegraph & Express office, work about home, some and one day on Halseys garden. - Yesterday I bought the vacant lot in front of my house of C. L. Bradley for the sum of $75.00 cash paid. -
J. Teaff and family went East on cars last night, he having sold his D. F. mining claims, for a big sum, said to be $90.000, coin - I knew him when he was very poor, in both money and standing - He reformed and done well, with good luck. -

May 12 Very pleasent all last week, excepting tuesday it rained. - I fixed upper cut off - and lower Plug of water-works.
Wednesday night, the Good Templer Ladies had a strawberry and Ice-cream Festival & dance, a good time netting $112.30 to buy Hall &c.
One day I was out viewing the Town from the South, not very good.
Today our family took a walk to Tompson Hill, and thru. the diggins
Died Jimey Logan, found drowned in the yellow Ditch below here, when last seen alive he was drunk, and had the "Delieram Tremens." - He was once a Good Templer, but fell again

May 19th " Very warm during the past week
Clear and pleasent — I sprinkled the strict
every day from the fire plugs. —
Two days I was out taking views of the
town — Thursday evening Lloyd McClure
came home on the cars from Lincoln
where he had been working on a farm,
or ranch, as it is called in this part
of the country, where he got into a fight
with a spaniard, who shot him twice,
one wound supposed to be fatal, it
being thru the kidneys, in consequence
of which I have been called to take
his brothers place, for the time being
in the telegraph and express office, so
he can tend on his sick brother.
Yesterday Eva was quite sick with
a sort of bilious fever, but she is nearly
well again to day, excepting some cough.
Today I helped Halsey some in the
Gallery. — Yesterday Charlie run off
and did not come home till we had
gone to bed, and he slept on the floor
in the kitchen — Anna had a 4/4
photo taken today. —
" 26 Weather fine all the week past.
I worked a little on water-works, and
took a few mining views, for the
Stereoscope near town. — Mr. Paul
Died Szabele, was found murdered at
his lone ranch, on Blue canon,
last friday, by H. Steinburg was
the one that found him first.
A misterious affair —
Today, we (the family) took the
cars to Secret town bridge, 4
miles down, and we then walked
home by way of Cold Springs.
Gold Run, and Squires Canon
in time for evening church

May 31 – Pleasant weather until today, there being a little rain. Vegitation looks fine about this vicinity – Took some more Photographic views of the Mines about this burg.

June 2 Sunday, and a beautiful day, we (the family) got stable teams and went up the divide as far as the Old Tyrr Station, going the old emigrant road, and returning via new road, Kearsarge, Alabama, and other saw mills, having had a good time &c etc.

" 9 The first part of last week was cloudy, and a little rain, but the latter part was clear, and very warm: today being very hot for June –

Ex ✓ I help 'tend express and Telegraph office mornings and evenings, getting $25. per month pay, the balance of the time I was out with Photo. cart, or working on, and attending to the water-works &c etc. Hercules Powder-Bank Blast set off today in the Gray Bro's Claim, with good results – The the C. P. R. R. Snow Sheds are on fire at Crystal Lake, 24 miles east of here, and no western bound Trains today yet, 8 o'clock P.M. M. E. Church tonight.

" 16 Fine weather most of the time during the past week, one cloudy, and one small days rain – I took views monday towards Canon Creek – work, some and overlooked repairs being done on Good Templars hall; – the rest

Ex ✓ of my spare time, at the express office –

June, 23d — Another fine week — Monday only being cloudy so I took a little rest and with photo. cart, and the next day sent home Jacobs' borrowed instruments to Auburn —

Wednesday morning, Lowe McClure, and Miss Sarah Halsey were married, and spent the rest of the week on bridal Tour to the bay, and I run his office while they were gone.

Married

The Dutch Flat Blue Gravel Co. not doing any work yet since they cleaned up, guess it did not pay good.

" 30 Beautiful weather all the last week, most of which time I was tending Express and Telegraph office, — and printing a few bill heads for Maker — Today got two horse team at livery stable and went to Bear Valley with a load of women and children, having tedious, but tolerable good time.

Ex ✓

Harriman & Taylor set off giant powder blast on Wednesday at Gold Run, and the Indiana Hill claims, Saturday, black powder = both good bank shots

July 4th Beautiful weather the past week, — I extended main water pipe to S. M. Halsey Blacksmiths shop, the biggest pressure and squirt in town — The Fourth was not celebrated here, only by a little dance at Mrs. Farrs, we went of course — McClures — Fowles & Halseys went pick picking at Bear Valley — The 2nd Carpenter King and Widow Knott were Married, Bridal Tour to Grass Valley

Bradley & Gardner sold most of their property &c

July 14th Very warm last week; some very hot days — Nothing of interest to note — Skating Rink still popular, about two evening of each week — I took contract to milk Mr. Blanchards cow for two quarts of milk each day — and I have bought the heifer calf for $10 — to raise a cow from if I can —

" 21 Pleasent weather, J Bates Hobbs died with cholera Morbus last Monday, buried Tuesday by the Masons. — He leaves a widow and one child — some little property. — Last Night Masonic meeting — Initiation Bro. Griffeths of Little York. —

Died

Good Templers meeting also, and a Initiation; Bro. Palmer — Skating at the Rink last night — till late —

I printed Ball cards for J. L. Stokes of Gold Run — also Bill heads for Maker — — Quarterly meeting at the M. E. Church the Presiding Elder Rev. Mr Deal being here Tuesday last at 4 P. M. funeral

Died of Mr Brisks daughter from Grass Valley — at Mr. Kings, formerly Mrs Knotts. — To day Mr Clure gone to Gold Run to set off Bank blast by lectricity

" 28 Beautifull weather as usual at this time of the year, and prenty of fruits in market — no interesting items to note — The Misses Browns and Neville, Mellenes, closed up and gone, the former to Redwood city and the latter to Gold Hill — The house being let to a Dutch peanut woman —

Jupiter Pluvius here yesterday with a vengeance. Not much air.

Dull dry times now, but the gamblers still flourish

Aug 3d Very warm the past week as high at 104 Degrees in the shade no interesting items to note, but dull hot dry times generally, and most all kinds of wild fruits in market now,

" 10 Weather pleasent, and cooler than previous week — items "skarce," no Balls — no shows, no nothing, but dog fights occasionally, and also the great annual Chinese riligious "Bow Wow," night and day for the last week, fun for the rabble of boys and rag tag and bob tail of the town, — more noise than music a damn sight! —

The union Church is again in want of a preacher — send for Begeher — or McginnIs! — Ha ha! I loaned Dodge the M.E. Church $10 — last night — to go to camp meeting on — Theology is at a discount here at this time, and wickedness flourishes unrestrained &c etc

" 17 Some more hot day, yet as a general thing I think the summer has thus far been cooler then last year —

Put in all my spare time working on my house, building on an addition Today took a walk with my family in the woods above alta and little bear river, getting dirty and tired.

" 24 Weather pleasent, and but slight changes — Wednesday wife went to Bara on a visit to P. H. Doans until 3 get the house fixed, Charly home with me and Eva at Mas. Trathers — Charly sick, and stayed home from school Had David Sr helping me on the house eight days, Most of my time being occupied elsewhere.

Calf killed 8½ lbs

Aug.
" 24th Business being dull McClure has discharged me from the express office, where I helped him mornings and evenings, getting $25.00 per month
Sept 1st — Hot last week but cooler today, friday evening we had a little shower. Yesterday the Republicans raised a new Grant & Wilson flag — stars and stripes, with G. & W. on it — cost about $130.00 — Dull dry times just now — Mrs still absent, and friday I sent Charly to her, so I am living alone with the pets.
" 2 — Collection day for me — I took one share in Baker co right to manufacture and sell Stedmans Cloths wash boiler — there being ten shares at $40.00 — $400.00 in all
" 3 Cool and cloudy, and indications of rain tonight — subscribed for the New Grant & Wilson paper for one year $4.00 the Argus, to be printed at Auburn — The Stars & Stripes paper having swung round to the Greely & Brown party
" 8 Weather getting hot again, must be on account of the political pot boiling, last night John Wright, a saloon keeper at Alta, shot John Ballenger in his saloon, cause whiskey &c. Mr. B. was hurried here today by the Justice of the peace — Friday morning Anna and Charly came home from Baca, saying they had a good time, Sat — letter from sister in N.Y.
Died
Still working on the house, thus far I am out over $100. besides my work on it — Thursday had a quarrel with Stover the dogger —

Sept. 15th. Very hot weather last week, and still hot. — Tuesday night the 9th, the San Francisco Circus showed here, we did not go to see it. — New county Republican paper started at Auburn to co. seat. — The "Stars & Stripes" the former official organ, has swung round to the Greeley & Brown party. The new paper is called the "Placer co. Argus" — $4.00 per year, 3 go one copy. — Got our house so we can live tolerable comfortable in it, but it is not wholly finished yet.

Some English nobility here, traveling and talk of buying out the property of the Little York water & mining company. — A one horse bob tailed Doctor has been fooling some foolish persons here, and he left between two days, debts unpaid — Two more have come since he left. — Dentist & Lecturers still hot. —

" 8 Question today of the personal effects of the late Stephen Haas — I bought some carpenter tools for $7.00 most every thing sold for a good price — Mr. Kirkbake, a consumptive Odd Fellow went below for his health today.

This eve. I took a little hand, shot a squirel & wood pecker. —

" 15 Warm weather as usual, — worked three days in the Masonic Cemetery, grubbing up weeds &c. & the rest of the time worked about home and on the water-works —

The roads very dusty and disagreeable to travel on. — On and after today the game law allows us to shoot till March next.

Sept. 22nd Weather unchangable. I tended the Express office one day, while McClure went quail shooting, two days about home and thursday went to Sacramento to see the State Fair, lodged at the Western, they charging double prices for rooms, In the afternoon, after securing a room I visited the state Capitol, not yet wholy completed, but the finest building west of the Rocky Mountains, and in the evening went to see the minstrels, Friday visited agracultural Park, where the principle part of the Fair is held, saw some acquaintances, big cattle, nice animals, of fancy breeds, and two running horse races, and in the evening went to the Metropolitan Theater to see Kate Denvin play in "East Lynne" —
Saturday visited the Pavillion where the rest of the Fair is held, comprising Pictures, sewing machines, products of the soil, and most every thing usefull and ornamental, and in the afternoon went to San Fran, ~~to~~ on the Steamer S M. Whipple, took rooms at the Prescott House — Sunday, went to north Beach and took a salt water bath, then to woodards Gardens, and in the evening to the Metropolitan Theater, and saw Stetson in the play of the "Fatal Glass, very good —

" 29 — Weather very cool and windy. —
monday made calls, done shoping &c etc., and in the evening went with Tommy Starr to the Alhambra to see the California minstrels, also to the Olimpic club,
Tuesday went by Steamer to Vallejo to the Grand Lodge of Good Templers, which I attended two days and evenings visiting Mare Island, in the meantime the Government Naval Station —

Sept. 29th Thursday, came home on the cars, via Sacramento, stoping there one hours and a half to do some more shaping &c. — Weather getting hot again. — Friday tried my new shot gun, and took a rest. —

Oct. 1 Weather warm and smokey. — Dull dry times, and money skarce.

I worked about home, lining and papering the addition. —

Friday evening free lecture at the Union church on Phynology.

A Dutch preacher at the U church today, and the Rev. Mr. Pineo, the new preacher at the M.E. Church, formerly of Auburn, where our former preacher of that church now is, they having been changed, Dodge and Pineo. — Today printed Bill Heads for Ruppright, and hunted cow, till after dark, without success.

Oct. 20. Weather warm, and smokey, and the roads bad and dusty; — Tuesday evening went to Yan Bet, with wife horseback, and attended the Rebecka meeting of Brooklyn Lodge No. 46 - I.O.O.F. returning home by moonlight after getting supper, dirty and tired. —

Last night Past Grand Sire E.D. Farnsworth visited our town, and Olive Lodge No. 81 - I.O.O.F. the Lodge having special for his reception.

" 21 Yesterday P.M. Heavy thunder showers, some snow and hail, and heavy frost last night, today clear but cold, I went to Colfax A.M. and back P.M. on the cars. — Last week three days at Masonic Hall, Put up stoves yesterday at Masonic and Good Templers Halls, meeting at both last night.

Sunday

Nov 2nd Weather changable, several frosty nights and one days rain, laying the dust. – McClure sick, and I am tending his office now, but worked some on the Masonic Hall. –

Today cleaned myself, and went to the Union S. School – and this evening intend attending the M. E. Church, to hear the Rev. Mr. Pinney Preach. (the new preacher.) – –

Nov. 10 Cool weather, and other indications of the approaching winter. – I was all the week tending the Express and telegraph office, McClure being away, two days to Forest Hill, and four days to San Fran. – – Monday the 4th was a rainey day – Tuesday last was election day, this place giving a good majority for Grant and Wilson, about 200. votes poled. – Several mild drunks visable, and the smallest boys in town mustered with music and flags, called the Grant Invincibles making much sport, and many cheers for Grant & Wilson, and Mr Coggins, who called them together and paid the bills for candy, flags &c. –

" 17 Weather changable, one days rain – worked for Ludlum, several days papering and fixing water pipe, in the Blanchard house. Wednesday T. B. Starr, wifes brother came up from San Fran, and is now stoping at our house – Friday. N. W. Blanchard moved his family out of town, starting for Santa Barbara, where he owns realestate and will make his future home. –

Today had another clean up, and went to the U. S. School. –

This P. M. cloudy and signes of rain. W. S. Thompson, Co., clerk clerk of Stony Co Nev. is in town on a visit to his friends here, and other parts of the state

Nov. 30th Saturday — Weather pleasent this week untill friday when we had rain till today — weather being now clear again — I built an addition to my barn, for the cow to live in — Tommy Starr is still with us — Wife was sick with bad cold most of the week, and had Dr Martin two calls — she is better now —

On thursday last, thanksgiving I went to the M. E. Church and heard Rev. Mr. Pinnow preach — then went home and cooked chicken dinner, and went to bed early, having been up most of the night before attend Anna No public demonstration here on that day —

Dec. 1st A pleasent sunday, I was printing Letter heads for Kruger most all day — We had Bro. M. E. Ebbetts, from canon creek mill to supper — This evening intend going to church, and taking a bath before going to bed — Monday last Mr. E. W. Towle, ments East on a visit to his former home in Vermont. —

Friday last, a R. R. man fell down a bank at Blue Canon and broke his neck — Drs. Martin and Wilson went up to see him — Last tuesday I printed Ball tickets for Furgersons Ball, to come off at the Skating Rink on thursday evening next.

" 15 Sunday — weather pleasent, rains backwood, thus far a tolerable dry season for miners — Thursday last, J. C. Starr, wife's bro. returned to San Fran, — on monday dec. 9th L. C. Shearer single man, aged 44 was killed by a cave in his tunnel at Green valley, he was dug out tuesday (the next day) brot. here and buried by the Sons Templars — Wife been sick, better now — Charlie taking guitar les. of mrs. Halsey — wrote letter for "Placer Argus" Elected Sec. of Masonic Lodge — I.T. Coff

Died

Sunday Dec. 22nd Clear and pleasend weather all last week — Thursday Mrs. St Clair gave birth to a boy baby — Wednesday last Donerick Friedericks

Died suicide, pistol shot in vitals — Dutch, aged about 60 — a batch. lived alone back of china town — been sick some time — some property — lived miserly — Last night at Masonic Lodge I was elected Secty. for next year, and friday eve in I.O.O.F. Encampment was elected H. Priest. — — Tuesday last Wm Lee's house, one mile above Alta burned, with most of fixtures, clothing, produce of ranch this season — About $1500, Subscription raised him $400, as more —

Dec. 25 Christmas day. — been raining hard the last two days and nights, and plenty of water now — Jenny Stone came up from San Fran. yesterday, Christmas tree at the Skating Rink last night, every body and the baby was there, good time generally Printed posters, and tickets for auk New years ball, to be — Last night a dance at Bonnards in Alta. —

Died Child of Jas. McLeure, buried today.

" 29 Raining most all the past week, there being plenty of water for mining now. — The 27th being St Johns day, in the evening the officers of Clay Lodge no 101 F. & A. M. Installed officers for the ensuing year — I being Secretary; after which we sat down to a supper at Harrigues, then back to the hall, for sociability till low 12 — Good many drunks about town — I sold house and lot for Co. P. Rea to Cox for $145.00 —

Jan. 1st – I wish every body a happy new year! altho. I am not as happy myself as I aught to be – Raining most of the week, but cleared up a little today in time for the Odd Fellows and their ladies to attend the Rebecka meeting and the ball at the Skating Rink, and also the supper at the D. F. Hotel, I being chairman of the committee of arrangements, was kept busy all day and more to, fixing things for the ladies comfort &c –

" 5 – Rained most of Thursday, friday & Saturday but pleasent today – Friday Prof. C. B. Plummer gave one of his drawing Room Entertainment at the Union Chur. I printed him Hand bills, and took tickets, sending the family, but I attended the Odd Fellows Encampment that evening, being Installed High Priest – and we had a supper at the N. Hotel – Thursday printed Bill heads for R Hudepohl – collected water rents, paid bills &c – not all paid yet, Today the new Sunday Law takes effect, most all places of business being closed, good effect. hope it will work, I do –

Sat very sore hand, from a little scratch & cold – Today took hot bath, clean cloths &c, and attended the U. S. School, Last week rec'd. eastern letters, which I answer today. – Got new hat! killed a cat! also a purp.

" 12 – Weather fair all the fore part of the week until saturday morning, since which time it has been raining hard.

I worked about home, and on the water-works, till wednesday, thursday an friday was out with calt taking views of Cedar creek co. claims for Ludlum. Took the Enterpise, Central, Yehosaphat and Deep Shaft claims – Roads bad.

This week – C. Moore of Solo Run married to Miss Ella McGuire of D. F.

Jan 14th A very warm day for January also clear and pleasant most of the past week monday I worked on fence round my lot, the balance of the week I tended the Express and Telegraph office, McClure being away to San Fran — Tuesday, Robt. Sifford had his right hand shattered accidentally by Giant powder, the right thumb having to be taken off — otherwise doing well. — Friday night, Mrs. Flemming at Gold Run had a boy baby, so Dr Martin says. — Last week, John Owen, married Mrs. Lena Hoose, Relict of St. Hoose, who was married about the same time as I was in S. Fran —

Ex ✓

J. Hoose Widow

Ditches well filled with water, and mines doing. Express took away $10,000, worth of Gold today, for the Mint at San Fran. —

gold ✓

The National hotel closed, bought out by the other Hotel keeper, Marovich, new boarding house to be open soon at the old Hoose building by McIntosh of Alta, he having bought it. —

T. Starr sprained his knee tuesday evening, skating at the Rink, better now, and he is painting, different jobs &c. —

Dick Tracy in Town. —

" 26 Pleasent weather all the past week, but cloudy today, with indications of of rain. Was out two days viewing, took Photos. of the Pacific, and Union claims, owned by the London "Cedar Creek Co.", for Ludlum, the Manager. Also took a view for Jas. Holmes, his residence on Canon Creek — Dined with his family

Died

Yesterday Mrs. Mary Powers died, aged about 65 years. — She being the mother of Mrs. A. Hudepohl, and Mrs. Dr Jones of Truckee — Funeral today, from M. Church Rev. J. E. Benton preaching — Last week built fence round from lot to our Ranch

Jan 31. Wednesday night it commenced snowing, and still continues. I worked about home and some on the water works. Last night was the skating carnival at the Rink. I took the first prize for best character, (three months pre skating) being rigged as a "Hethen Chinee" and C. Schubert took prize for best gent skater, (same as mine) Ladies Miss Loraine took first prize for best lady character (Oil painting) being a Flower Girl, and Miss Lizzie Shillingsby prize for best lady skater, first choice of two Oil paintings, and all present had a general good time ending with a dance.

Feb. 3 Sunday, and still snowing, and the sleighs are coming out, and some are shoveling snow off the house roofs, fearing accident.

Yester H. C. Langley of Little York, was caved on in the mines and supposed to be seriously hurt. Last night there was a traveling show at the Golden Eagle Hall, did not see it, attended the Good Templers in preseance.

Tuesday last went to Colfax and attended Siloam Chapter, Home next morning freight train

" 4 still snowing. Shoveled snow most all day. This morning

Died William, infant son of A. A. and Lizzie Ferguson died of brain fever. Lizzie being on a visit at our house before the storm is growing ill, and she seems to like it, got new pair of snow boots, price $10.00 custom made looks like rain

Feb 5th Stopped Storming. Went on a sleigh ridgon lumber sleds to Gold Run, there being 12 couple along. 2 sleds, 10 horses - all but the horses trying to have fun. Suppr at Gold Run, and 3 came home with Pittman, leaving wife and Eva to dance with the rest of the party who got home at midnight.

" 6 H. C. Langley, of Little York was buried here by the Odd Fellows a large assembly. Services at the M. Church = Langley was cared on in the mines several days before his death, which was the cause - single man, aged about 40 years.

Died

Tuesday last our cow had a heifer calf

" 9 Snow and rain last 20 hours, clear and cold tonight

Our cow is sick after her confinement.

Wrote 4 letters today, - also sent order for seeds to Briggs Bros. Rochester N.Y.

" 16 Rain & snow till thursday, then fair till saturday when rain and snow again Friday evening the Good Templars had a Social and dance in the G. E. Hall, having a good time generally as well as profitably to the Lodge, they having cleared $103.00 for the treasury. It being St. Valentines day. - To day 3 printed tickets for Skating Carnival to be on the 25th

Wife got Miss Maggie Duncan living with us as help.

Roads very bad to the depot.

Took hot bath 82.

Feb. 23rd. Weather clear and pleasent since last entry, but clouding up again now.— Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of "Washington" the Father of his country," not much observed here.— Yesterday P.M. I was out with Photo. cart and took negative of Jehoshaphat mining ground — Great preparations being made for the skating carnival, to be tuesday night.

New idea in town, a horse railroad to the Depot is contemplated,

Several drunks about last week, nevertheless the Good Templars Lodge is doing well, having a larger membership now than ever before, about 60.

A sort of Spiritual medical, lecturer Dr. Bryan was here, and held forth at the M. E. Church, yet he did not get much of a crowd.—

Feb 28. The last day of winter months this year, monday last, stormy, tuesday wednesday and Thursday ditto — some snow — Friday and saturday clear and pleasent; making the streets very slushey with snow and mud— Tuesday evening last the skating Masquerade Carnival came off at the Rink, the house being crowded with Skaters and Spectators, a grand success, all the Skaters being masked and most all representing good characters,

Carnival I went as Mrs. Partington and her son Ike, a double headed comic character, and a rediculas thing,— wife was stuffed with pillows, representing a fat Priest— Mrs. M. Duncan as a Nun, our Eva as a Fairie, looked fine and numerous others as Ghosts, Negroes, Indians, Sadeses, Fairies, &c etc., in fact it was the best thing of the kind ever had here.

Rained Wednesday and Thursday
the rest of the past week was clear.
Mch 9 Tuesday, went to Bear River with
cart, and took photos for Lendlum
and in the evening we went to Gold
Run, with others, and attended the
Inaugural Ball, having a good time
and getting home the next fore-
noon, having danced all night and
being about used up — I wrote up
the ball for the "Placer Argus",
over the nom de plume of "Jinks".
The rest of the week idled,
and worked on waterworks,
F. T. Mathewson was in town —
Got another bad cold —
" 16 Variable weather last week,
and much of any thing —
Tuesday morning wife went to
San Francisco, to visit, work a while
at millinary, and get goods for
a millens show when she com
back &c — Miss Maggie Duncan
being our housekeeper —
Thursday night Mrs. L. Warden
died at Gold Run —
Worked about home, gardening
Went to Colfax tuesday night
to Siloam Chapter No 34 R. A. M.
Meeting, and home next day. —
" 23 Weather clear, and very warm all
the past week, and vegitation begins
to look green again; Peach trees are
blossomed out &c — I dig cellar in
the side hill in my lot — was two
days, with the cart taking pictures
at Gold Run — Sent wife $10.00 to buy
millinary with — got two letters
from eastern cousins, and one from B.
Cooke Silver City D. T. answer & sent pap

Weather - so. so - last week, a little of wet, dry, warm cold or etc

Mch 30 - Nothing of interest to write about Mrs Sexord gave birth to twins, one since died and was buried today.

Apr. 8 Tuesday - Weather cloudy and cool, and frost, - Hail and rain showers - Monday Mch. 31st I & Halsey got horse and waggon, and hitched Photo. cart on behind and went to Grass Valley - via Nevada city - 16 miles - stoped all nite and next day to Smartsville - where we stayed five days and took negatives of the of the place, also - Timbuctoo and Sucker Flat, and all the Hydraulic Mines in the vicinity; - while at Smartsville I visited Mountain Guard Lodge no 188 - I.O.O.F. and also Fredonia Lodge no 208 - I.O. of G.T. - Sunday evening April 6th we started for home, got supper at Rough and Ready, and arrived at Grass Valley at 9 P.M. - next morning took two negatives of the town and then came home, arriving at 4 - P.M. - yesterday 7th

" 13 Clear and pleasant but cool, and some little frost - Since I came home have been busy on waterworks, printing, and working about home. - This morning. K.W. Blanchards house, occupied by Col. T.B. Ludlum was partially burned, the furniture being all saved, but some in a damaged condition - Miss Mary Duncan sick with measels - and I am sick with bad cold, or expizotics

Apr. 20th Weather pleasant all the past week as well as cool and dry, but cloudy today and indications of rain — thought it will, as april has thus far been a very dry month and farmers are in need of more rain &c

" 27 Had several hours rain last week — 25th Mrs Brardan died — aged 54 weather otherwise cool but pleasent. —

Friday was the I.O.O.F. celebration by Olive Lodge No 81 of this place, it being the 54th anniversary of the introduction of the order into America — We had Procession — Oration, and Ball &c, a general good time for all participating. —

Being Chairman of the com. of arrangements, I was kept busy printing — Decorating &c, most of the week — Most of the horses here are sick with the epizotic —

May 4 Beautiful weather, but rather dry — more rain wanted —

Was working all the week on the water-works, and also had hired man — Put down some new 1¼ iron pipe on Sacramento st. Sim Jorden was up on a visit, and we, the family went in the woods today — his picking — on the Bear River ditch & by way of Elmore Hill — Will go to Church tonight.

" 11 Pleasant and very warm weather all last week, so that vegitation needs rain very bad — worked on water works and in the garden. — Charlie has been sick the last three days but getting better now — Jo. Bennett, Died died in Co. hospital — went from here, an old resident, broke down with whiskey — Poor old Jo! —

Epizotic still here. —

May 18th Agreable weather last week — Cool, clouds — and some rain, very good for vegitation — The month of April having very dry much of the crops throughout the state will be a little short of the expectations. —

There will be about a half crop of fruit hereabouts, the late frost having injured it.

Got wife new set of spoons for $8.00 — wife got new hobby, learning dress making, by a new process for $25.00 = worked on the waterworks, and had Lew Reshe hired three days. —

Hen hatched out nine turkeys Charlie was two days up to the Canon creek saw Mill. —

" 25 Weather good last week — cool for may — slight frost = was 4 days working for W. Clure — mining but the retorting and melting room not yet done — worked today on waterworks, puting in new logs on lower street — Mrs. Newell in town and opening millinery store wife dont sell physic — Last night the ladies of the M. E. Church had a Neck Tie, and Strawberry Festival in the hall for benefit of the Rev. Mr. Simco; Think they cleared about $100.00

Mr. J. T. Nicholls and Miss J. Hauser were married in San Francisco — not homeyet.

Ex robbed

Horrid murder and robbery at Michigan Bluffs last Friday night, E. Strobel, Express agent killed — and the office robbed — no clue yet to murderers.

June 1 Warm weather now but cool last week, some hail, and also little frost, that damaged the gardens some, — worked two days for McClure, and the rest of the time puting 500 feet water logs, on lower street

Ex

June 8th Very warm today, also the same last week—
Friday evening went to a dance at Alta and had good time
Worked on the water-works and one day for McClure at the Express office—
Thursday morning Mr. Geo. W. Towle and Miss Fanny Staples were married and have gone to San Fran. on a bridal tour — Tuesday night last old Mrs. Johnson died, and myself and wife were called up to help lay her out, and we staid with the body all Night — the body was sent to Sacramento for interment by request of her daughter living there — she was 66 years — Died of Asthma — Anna is now in partnership with Mrs Neville in the millenary business, &c

Died

" 15th Pleasant weather, I was the last four days tending the Telegraph and Express offs, McClure visiting San Francisco — Today I was up at daylight working on the water works, which is much trouble to me, —
This P.M. was a little sick
At the meeting of the fire co. meeting I was put on a committee to get up a Ball, on the evening of the coming fourth
I wrote for musicians today, —
" Wife some sick the last few days
" 22 — Fine dry clear weather. —
The Union Church is again without a preacher, but the ladies are canvassing the town to raise money, to make a call with, One divine having signified that he would "sick" if $800. was guaranteed &c. per year, etc. Funny that! — were the Apostles of "Sick"?

Died

Thursday Eva Trathen died, aged 5. years. C. Back and Lavissa Dornbach married
Wife in pucker again to spread herself

June 29, Weather pleasent, but getting hotter every day - working on waterworks most of the time. - Bought out Mrs. Neville's house and lot, and stock of Millener goods for Anna to spread herself on, as she is to run the institution - Lot 40 + 200 ft. Price paid for lot and building $600.00
Stock in trade of goods about 470.00
Mortgaged to W. & P. Nicholls at $500.00 and 1½ per cent per month interest - gave note for $200.00 for six months at 1½ per month interest, and a note for $170.00 seven months without interest. - balance in cash. -

July 6 Sunday - Fine weather - Roads dusty - Independence day was celebrated by some residents with a picnic, 8 miles up Caron creek, but they came home very dusty. - In town we done nothing till cool of the evening, then the boys climb, or tried to climb a greased pole for prizes - none got it till next day when Paul Malor reached it, some Kinchback jewelry - In the evening the Hose company had a Ball at the Skating Rink + a nice party indeed. The Good Templers got up the Supper - Births - July 3d - To the wife of J. McLeure a fine son - No deaths

" 13 Water mellons in Market, also Peaches - Plumbs, and Apples, grapes &c very plenty - We having Beans and Peas in our garden! also plenty of Lettuce and sich -
No news last week - Politics is the talk now - go it!

Isaac T. Coffin

July. 23rd Hot weather last week,
Dr. Martins wife gave birth to a girl.—
the Dr. wanted a boy, having two girls before.
Had a bad tooth ach several days now.
Friday put in water pipe for Hi wah,
or China Dac, as he is called.—
A one horse Magic Lantern
show was hire thursday night, and
the boys say it was a "bilk", all about
the Modoc war &c.— Tuesday eve.
the great Psalm singer was here and
held forth at the Union Church, tickets
50 cts, and had a good house for D. F.
I was not infatuated with his sing-
so much as I have been by minstrals
before now.— Mrs. Halsey and the
children been rusticating a Truck
during the past week, and came
home this morning—
Yester. was Republican pri-
mary election for Deligates to
the County convention tomorrow
J. L. Gould, T. J. Michols, James Teaff,
J. H. Boke, J. M. Halsey and R. Hoskin,
were elected, without opposition.—
" 24. very hot weather, Therm. up to 102°—
Died Friday, Lewis L. Hopp, formly resident
here, died at Virginia city nev. The
body arrived here this mng, and was
buried this A. M. in Masonic Cemetery
He having once been W. M. of the ☐
here, but got disipated, lost his
standing in the order, and died of hard
drink and disipation "sich is cal. life",
E. L. Bradley in town— Yesterday eve, the
new political party (really Democrats)
held an election for Deligates to a co.
convention at Auburn tomorrow
Thursday. I went up to Texas diggins, and
home the next day— Shot mets squirel

Aug. 2nd Weather pleasant and agreeable, a few drops of rain today. Last night the Good Templars had a public Installation of Officers at their hall, and a free lunch after the exercises.=
Patilice is the talk now
" 10 – Beautiful weather, another drop of rain on the fourth.– The wife of Charlie Beck gave birth to a boy, short work.– married last month.–
I was four days tending Express and Telegraph while Mr. was at San Francy – Yesterday put in water pipe at the Brewery.
We have moved to the new store on main st. and our other house is for sale or to let.
The wife of Jo. Stull, at Lowel Hill, had a baby today, so Dr. Martin says– Maggie Duncan went to Truckee yesterday, to her sisters. &c.
" 17 Weather pleasant as usual, but rather hot today, – Plenty of ripe apples grown here now – Was chief cook and bottle washer since Maggie went away – wife doing dressmaking &c etc. we having "turned over a new leaf". She is supposed to earn money enough from her work and store to pay all house bills, also cloth the family, and pay $6.00 per month on the interest account. – Dont believe she can do it. – she bought three rabbets yesterday for $1.50 leaving only 25 cts. on hand. – Yesterday I cleaned out China town water tank, and today had to fix bad break in main lead pipe – Church town

Aug. 24th – Weather stil fine, chanced one dollar in a Raffle for a fiddle, didn't get it. Political speaking here last night the Republican party candidates. Did not hear it, as I was at the good Templers Lodge, but I confiscated most of the pitch wood left in the streets this morning – Rented our house to a Mr J Baldwin, a Blacksmith, at $15. per month, partly furnished and including water.

" 30 Fine weather, slight shower last night. also speaking by Democratic, or Independant party candidates, – Martin, Brown, Ray Norton (spread Eagle) Applegate &c, Jim Gorden, mother and sister here today on a visit to us. – China Pawwow or religious demonstration all last week, and not through yet. – Since Maggie left us, I have been chief cook and washer at our house – Dont like it!

Sept. 6 – Weather agreable, roads dusty, two baby girls born in town last week, by wives, of Allen Towle and S. H. Davidson, – Wednesday (3rd) was election day, This co. elected, Dr. Noble Martin, of Dutch Flat, for Senator, – W. C. Norton, of Auburn, Wm. Roush, and S. B. Burt, of Bath for Assembly, J. McCormick, of Forest Hill, Sheriff, – B. D. Dinnam, of Mich. Bluff, Co. Treas, – C. C. Crosby, of Bath, Co. Recorder – F. T. Burt, of Bath, Co. Clerk – J. M. Fulweiler, of Dutch Flat, Dist. Attorney – S. B. Harriman of D. F. one of five Supervisors, and a A. Ferguson constable for this place.

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| Sept 5th | " | 6,00 |
| " 18th | " | 9,00 |

1873

Sept. 14 Been exceedingly warm during the past week, & after today the Law allows the indiscriminate shooting of game in this state. Tomorrow the State Fair commences at Sacramento, to continue one week or more.—

Built new bath house for family use, including neighbors.

Today we recreated by going to Bear river and fished, getting home at dark very tired and dirty, and had a family bath all round— Water very scarce and I am bothered to stop leaks and keep up the supply in the waterworks

Pleasant week for the fair.

Oct. 21 I tended Express and Telegraph office for Mr. Clure to go— but I lived very poor, wife being too busy to cook, and children wont.—

" 28 Hot again— Smoky sky.— done housekeeping, tended water works, and ~~built~~ finished bath house.—

Financial crash in New York and else where— Dont hurt me as have no money or stocks.— "Blessed is he" "x" Shot cats— hunted some for quail and squirrels—

Oct. 5th Nice weather — Thursday went hunting and fishing 9 miles to the head of the Miners ditch — Bear river, wife Maggie Duncan — Charlie, and Weisgarber of Gold Run went along, we stayed all night in the the upper ditch cabin, and came home next day, having enjoyed ourselves hugely, shot some game, and caught about 50. live trout, which B. brot, home and put in my reservior to live —

Today went hunting with wife and children to Bear River, returning via Thompson Hill — shot big Owls, and some quail, also killed rattle snake, — very tired and dirty.

" 9 Fine weather after two days rain — Tending telegraph for Mr. Barrowed $100. of B. Dennoldson for wife to buy goods with, she went to San Fran. yesterday for that purpose — The walls are up and roof is on the new Odd Fellows Hall, — Rec'd. letter from T. C. Stair, Hamilton rev. answered. — Sent letter and views to E. J. Hayward at Santa Barbara, also some to relatives East. —

" 14 Weather fine, cool and clear — Rec'd. circular and pictures from E. J. Hayward — S. B. Monday night went, with wife Maggie children and other to San Bet, and attended an Odd Fellows Rebecka degree meeting, dance and supper, getting home next morning, tired sleepy, and dirty, — Tuesday, the 14th was 4th anniversary of our marriage and 10th of Mrs. & Mr. L. M. Parker (Tin wedding) which we, clubing together, bot. a load of tin and visited them having good time

Oct. 19 — Took bath, change &c — Tended union Sabbath School — Sent letter, money, and Stereopes to the "Beverly Citizen" — Anna off visiting somewhere to day — Maggie seems to be tired of Jerome Clark, her lover, and sent him away last nite looking very "Solomcolly" or so — with his plug hat and moustash.

Ex ✓ I tended telegraph and Express one day last week, while McClure was quail hunting.

" 26 Fine clear weather but cool nights. Wednesday last was a very windy day, wind north east, and cold. — Put up stoves, hunted half day — was one day in the woods after our winters wood, got about two loads ready to haul, — Last night wife resigned her membership of the Good Templars Lodge. — Sold my rifle for $20. — To day bought 9 lbs. venison for $2.25 — killed by Hurpsink. —

Odd Fellows, Resolved to Dedicate new Hall on Thanksgiving day, and have a ball in the evening. — I am appointed one of the com. of arrangements —

I am drawn for a trial juror at nov. Term county court, to be at Auburn nov. 17th for duty &c. —

Nov. 2 Pleasent and warm for the date, I was most of the past week getting wood in the woods — and yesterday I hired Sevords team to haul it for me — he haled eight loads for which I pay him $8.00 wife and Maggie making new dresses — "fuss & feathers" I got Charlie new pair boots — Paid Maggie $20.00

was summoned to attend Co. court Nov. 17 — at Auburn as trial juror.

Nov. 9th One day rain last week, but again clear and pleasent now —
Tuesday evening, the China part of town got on fire and burned with the dwellings of W. H. Nicholas and Mrs Farr, Mr. Palmtags house being some damaged by fire and water — about 40 China houses burned — 4 of the China Merchants had fire proof cellars that were not damaged — considerable live stock was also burned, hogs — dogs, cats, rats, fowles, lice, and other vermin, and the filth of the place is thoroly renovated, since which time the citizens have held indignation meetings, appointed a committee, passed resolutions &c etc endeavoring to prevent the place being rebuilt for China purposes, but as yet without effect, — Today I printed tickets for the I. O. O. F. Dedication Ball, to be on Thanksgiving evening.
My loss at China town was about $100. worth of water pipes and customers worth $16 — per month, also $12 — uncollected water rents
most of tuesday night, (after the fire) I worked repairing the telegraph burned — Worked 2 days at McClures replacing carpets and furniture run out by fear of the fire —
Nov. 16 Fine weather — I was last three days
Ex tending office for McClure, while he
went to San Fran — Yesterday the great
4 mile and repeat running race at S. F.
Treats horse "Thad Stevens" won it, —
Wife got new stock good from S. F.

1873

Nov. 23d Pleasent weather, and warm - One day with very little rain last week.

" 30. Thanksgiving day, the new Odd Fellows Hall was dedicated by Grand Master. W. J. Burnett, and Oration by Past S. M. and S. R. - J. B. Harmon - ending with a ball in the evening and supper at the D. F. Hotel - a grand time.

Friday commenced to snow - still coming

Dec 7 Snow and rain most of the past week, about three feet on snow on the ground now, and tolerable good sleighing.-

Railroad trains, and telegraph lines somewhat demoralised, weather now clear,

" 11 Fine weather and good sleighing - Party went to Alta last night and had a dance - monday Mrs. Duncan, went to Auburn to get married to a bilk &c.

Tuesday G. W. Fowles horse died. - worked two day papering room for Dr. Martin - hunted two days with poor success, down Bear River.

" 14 Sunday. - Weather pleasent, but cloudy and indications of rain tonight. -

Been good sleighing, for this place, all the past week, and very cold nights -

I shoveled snow, hunted some, and worked some on the water-works.-

Sleighing parties went to Alta, and danced, wednesday evening, and to Gold Run friday night, - M. S. Gardner, the richest man in town, got a nice new sleigh, imported from Portland, Maine, which attracts much notice, being the only one of the kind in town, - wrote letters today.

" 21 Two days clear, balance of the week stormy - rain - mud - disagreeable, I done housekeeping - and printed bill heads for W. H. Runkel.

Dec. 21st Sunday Cloudy, but warm, attended the Union Sunday School, On friday morning Mr Thomas Uren
Died died, single man, native of Cornwall, cause internal hurt years ago.
Yesterday Wm. D. Starr, wifes brother came here, from Battle mountain Nev., and will stay with us a while, - Yesterday the state legislator elected Gov. Newton Booth Senitor to Congress, from California for next six years. - another is yet to be elected

" 23 Pleasent weather since last entry
Today Funeral of Mrs. M. A. Palmer, aged about 45 - leaving a husband gone
Died to grass, and two children, - 3 worked one day On Good Templars Hall, and Willie Star - 1½ days - Sim. Jorden, came over from Quaker Hill today to see Willie. - Dudley McAlpee came to visit me, from Red Bluff, - we having been mining partners in 1858, and not having met since,

" 31 Stormy again, rain, still coming
Died Today funeral of John B. Uren, Cornishman,
1874 age 43, - by the Order of Red Men,
Jan. 4 clear and cold since friday, 2nd Thursday evening we had I. O. O. F. Rebekah meeting, and dance at the Rink, having good time, - Friday eve. Encampment Meeting, and a lunch at our house. - Yesterday went to Colfax to Chapter meeting, Degrees conferred, officers installed, Lunch &c - came home today.
New Fire company organised today, the old disbanded, or died natural death, some time ago.

Jan. 11th Very pleasent day - same most of the last week. - Friday morning at 4 o'clock, Joseph Sanner, single man, native of germany, died at Mrs. Swensons, of inflamation of the throat and lungs, buried today by Masons in our cemetery. - No known relatives - I have his effects for safe keeping, except a gold watch which L. R. Stover has, Master of Lodge appointed a committee of 4 to take charge &c, Mrs Chas. Voight gave birth to a son, - second child, - Several other wives in town who are supposed to be in a delicate condition &c etc I and Willie Star worked 2 days on Good Templers Hall, - We got a new cooking range $50, with all the fixtures complete -

" 18 Clear and warm till thursday, since which time much rain - Willie Star went to work for Doolittle at Lib. Hill, and put 3½ days and got disgusted, so he discharged himself. - He dont want any more mining of that kind.

25 - Snow storm till friday, since then clear and warm; been some good sleighing, but now no good. - slushy.

Friday wife and Eva went to San Francisco, intending to be gone about two months, leaving me, Willie and Charlie to bach it &c etc. -

Whitman died

Friday night was skating carnival, a splendid failure, but had little dance in conclusion &c

Friday morning Mr. Jos. Whitman died on the trail going home from working all night in mines - supposed to be by heart disease. - He was an old resident aged about 50 - buried to day.

Jan 30th Weather stormey most of the past week, rain - still unsettled.

Least tuesday our cow died, Loss $70. - Got fellon on my right thumb, cant write good, feel bad. Dr Wilson cut thumb open ok!

Bird peddler is here from San Francisco

Feb. 1 Sunday, - Got Charlie some more new clothes, and sent him to sunday school weather cloudy, indicating more rain.

" 8 A pleasent Sunday; Went to M. E. S. School, with Charlie - On the 4th inst. wife got a boy baby, of 8 pounds, - First part of the past week stormey, last three days clear, - Monday last the big Cedar Creek Co's started their Burley Drill, in the big bed rock tunnel, they are running, I and Willie went down to see it work - It has an engine, run by Hydraulic pressure, outside, which forces air thru pipes, that runs the drilling machinery inside, - a big thing, and cost a lot of money, - My thumb is still too sore to work with, but getting better

Born Willie.

Printed some wooden wedding cards for S. H. Davidson, Anniversary Feb. 11th

" 15 Pleasent today but stormey most all of the past week - Snow and rain, Wednesday Mrs Orange Bake, went to Truckee, and married Mr. C. C. Calhoun of C. P. R. R. - Town talk here. -

" 17 - Raining again today - Stuckey Yesterday Mrs Heyman of Truckee, suicided by drowning between Grass Valley and Nevada city, she charged with selling stolen goods, the husband and son being also implicated in the crime,

Feb. 22nd Another pleasant Sunday, but a little muddy yet — This is the anniversary of Washingtons birth, he was born in 1732 — so says history.
First part of the past week was stormy, last part clear and pleasant.
Friday night, Reliance Hose co. had their third annual Ball at the Skating Rink, which was a success.
attended the M. E. Sunday School to day, with Charlie — — —

Mch 1st Snowing hard again today, after a pleasant week, March coming in like a (lion)
Yesterday Mr & Mrs. Calhoun came up from Colfax, and at E. B. Tillotsons, (father of Mrs C.) got into a misunderstanding, and Calhoun, shot his
Died wife, and then shot himself, he died yesterday evening and will be buried today, by Colfax Lodge, F. & A. M. by desire of Truckee Lodge, of which he was a member — Mrs. C. was hit a glancing shot between the eyes, and did not reach a vital part, and she is out of danger. — Last week I put pipes for water into the houses of H. K. West, — Mrs. Rablin, and Mr. M. V. Andrews, — and gining privilege to Sam Higgins, to get water at Andrews
Last sunday night wife returned,
Willie with baby and Eva from San Fran. —
" 8 Very Stormy most all the past week, weather still cloudy and unsettled — Tolerable good sleighing for this place, — Today I shoveled snow off the roof of my reservoir
Trains of the Railroad very irregulder — Said to be as much snow now on the mountains as ever known before.

March—

" 15 A Stormy Sunday, same as all the past week,— Railroad bothered much with snow, and trains very irregular— said to be 15 feet snow at summit station.

Our tenant Baldwin vacated our house the 1st of the month, and me and Willie have been improving it, by weather boarding south side, building cloths room painting &c etc.— Today all the family took warm baths, Baked beans.— Most every body is complaining of the continued storms,— Hope it will soon let up!

" 22 A nice pleasant sunday. The last five days clear and warm snow going off fast,— 3 and Willie worked on our other house getting it ready to move into again ½ day painting new belfry for fire bell— Last night walked to Bald Rym, and visited the I.O.O.F. Lodge there, returned on freight train— Baby is growing finely. Roads very bad about here. R.R. trains running on time again.

Willie

" 29 Stormy again the last three days, dont much as tho. this month was out like a lamb— We have been most all last week moving down to the other house, there being a cart load or more of old traps to move yet,— Mud, &c Bought two copies new Cal. "Trades Guide" $1 each— sent one East.

" 30 Mrs L. P. St Clair and Mrs W.H. Kruger, each gave birth to boy babys.— Billy for the babies

# The Firemans Ball. Feb. 23d. 1885

(Tune. The old cow died)

O muse, come at my call, and help tell of the ball
Last Monday night at the skating rink.
Which we'll tell you about and will make you shout
Three cheers for red, white, blue and pink!
For the fairies were there, in those colors so fair
And the Firemen in their bright red shirts.
And our nice pretty girls, with hair banged in curls,
All of them witches and some of them flirts.

Byrne will describe the dress, of the ladies we guess
(For he was seen with pencil and paper)
And print it in the Times, along with these poor rhymes
Which will be about the proper caper.
Holmes Ritchie broke the ice, by orating very nice,
About Washington and his little hatchet
And Dr. Martin felt, (when presented a belt,)
Like talking, so he shouted to match it.

Each couple looked fine, as they fell into line,
And marched in the grand prosession,
Which by Parratt led, in his gay shirt of red,
And his neck tie was a loud transgression.
Then the boys with their pets, were formed into sets,
And they danced the opening quadrille,
Then in quick advances, came the other dances
According to the programme bill.

Until at twelve o'clock, when away the whole flock,
Rushed to Sharons well loaded table,
Where they ate with a will, till they all got their fill,
But to eat it all they were not able.
Supper being through, (between me and you,)
We were invited out to "see a man,"
But we said "that's too thin", and it smells like gin,"
And back again to the dance hall we ran.

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April 6th 1874 Sunday. Stormy again the last few days — Snowing now 5 p.m. Rev. Mr Brier Sr. of Grass Valley preached at Union Church today. W. B. Lyon ex. co. Recorder and Ed. of Placer Argus visited us today.

Thursday. I painted the new fire co. bell tower.

Friday I paid off balance of our debt to F. A. Neville, amount $203.00 having to borrow $143.00 of it.

Willie is making a turning lathe

" 12 Another snow storm raging here. I hope it will be the last. — Tolerable weather the rest of the week.

Monday Mrs. H. H. Halsey gave birth to a ten pound son, on Monday, and on friday Mrs G. W. Fowle a five pounder boy, and she is very sick after it — Friday (the 10th) I planted beets, celery, parsnips, cucumbers, &c

" 13 Set two hens = weather stormy.

" 16 A very windy day, Blowed the vine off the new Hose co. bell tower.

Last night P. M. McCliffe was accidently killed in the big tunnel, while digging out an unexploded charg of Giant powder. Funeral tomorrow.

" 19 Sunday. Hail shower this eve weather cool, vegitation backward Willie Stur went on a visit to L. T. Jordan, at Quaker Hill, Nev. co. — Baby sick, bad cold &c

28 Weather warm and pleasant. Sunday (26th) I walked to Texas Diggins to notify P. Molter of his Bro's. serious sickness — I returned monday, very tired and used up — Last night P. Molter died, of internal abscess. —

Seeds came from New York State Briggs Bros. Rochester

Burk Waod'rd was there, asleep on a chair
Dreaming of boulders as big as a church.
Baker gave him a shake, which caused him to wake
His partner gone, he was left in the lurch.
The scenes of that night, have passed from our sight
But from our memory they never will
And we pray these misses, so inviting for kisses,
May with true love their sweethearts instill.

Again the dance went on, and did not stop till morn
And the sun came up in all his glory
When in our little bed, We went with sleepy head,
Good morning! So ends the pleasant story.

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Died

April 29. Jacob Molter buried by Clay 14 No 101 F. & A. M. in Masonic Cemetery.

" 30 Thursday was a rainey day.

May 1 Cloudy, damp, and cool, went to Gold Run, to attend the Good Templer Picnic, which did not take place, but had dinner at the hotel, then the band played, and the Good Templers turned out in procession, also the band of hope children, and marched to Union Hall, where Dr Martin, and Rev. Jabez Walker State Grand Lecturer for the order delivered addresses on Temperance, concluding with a ball in the evening, which I did not attend, but walked home, and Willie Stavement down with Miss Drathen and had a good time dancing all night.

" 3 Sunday pleasent, Rev. J. Walker addressed our Good Templer Lodge last night, also delivered a Temperance sermon at the M. E. Church this A. M. and will hold forth in the Union Church this evening Dr Jordan, is here, He is a noted quack on Phenology & and will lecture on the subject

" 10 Pleasant, but cool — put new top on photo cart, and tuesday took negatives of T. J. Nichols, and S. W. Fowles houses, worked about house and garden the rest of the week — Willie is carpentering for Ferguson.

" Today went to San Francisco on C. P. R. R. 12 hours ride.

May 11 At 7 - A.M. took Steamer New World for Vallejo - 1½ hours ride - took room at the Sherman House, - At 10 A.M. met with the Grand Encampment I.O.O.F. of the State of California - P.M. and evening session.

" 12 At 10 - A.M. convened with the Grand Lodge of I.O.O.F. of the State of California, and was appointed Grand Guardian pro-tem, and as such served the term until Instalation of Officers three days session, a M - P.M. & evening sissions, also visited Mare Island Navy yard, wednesday Tuesday evening Social Lodge of Good Templers, - Thursday Good Templers Orphans Home and in the evening Naval Chapter R & A.M., after which, Strawberry Festival at Faregut Hall.

" 15 At 9.30 A.M. Took Steamer back to San Francisco, took room at American Exchange Hotel, - made calls, shoping and erends - Evening visited the California Theater, seeing Pope in Comedy of Money - Dame.

" 16 Went to Oakland, Brooklin & Placer county reunion at Badgers Park - good time - evening Bell Union Theater - good show.

" 17 Returned to Dutch Flat on C.P.R.R., Mrs A.W. Wilson came with me, on a visit -

Weather Fine all the week -

Baby sick, bad leg -

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May 24 - Half days light rain last week, balance of the weather clear and pleasent, worked on the water-works putting in 200 ft. logs on lower street, Friday went with cart and took stuff of "Central" claim, also the "Pine Top" claim south of Squires' canon. Baby still sick, wife and Charlie got bad colds — Mrs. Munson went to Palisade new. Wednesdays train, Yesterday auction sale of the old N. Hotel took place, cheap, Last night the Union church folk held a Strawbery and ice c. festival, for the benefit of Rev Mr. Brier, at the Skating Rink, Today Mr & Mrs T. Morris had a fight a little public crowd gathered at the house, - scandle, two sides to it,

" 31 Sunday, and very pleasent weather, Last week worked two days putting log water pipe to Mallow's lot 390 feet from main pipe at the union church. - Two days paint in house for S. M. Halsey, on day taking views of the town,

Today took family on a ride and picnic, below Sierrit town, about 5 miles including Mrs Munson, who returned from Palisade yesterday, - Babys leg looks bad — Wednesday night last Fay Templeton Troupe performed at the Skating Rink, to good house,

June 4 Rain yesterday, balance of the week clear and pleasent, Cloudy and cool, worked two days, putting down carpets at A. Fowles, — Friday was on jury - case of T. & P. vs. Brown & Sam June - wood case fr

Pleasent weather, and last few days very warm, today hot Sunday.

June 14 Today I took charge of the Union church as janitor. - The church has been renovated, painted &c, but still the church flock is like Old Browns oxen, Wants a chang of pasture

Tuesday evening the Odd Fellows had a Rebecka Sociable.

Last night the Good Templers hada Festival and dance at the Rink, a pleasent, and profitable affair.

The Hose co. have made arrangements to have a Ball on evening of July 3rd

June 20 Little Shower today=

Two patent medicine mongers here last week — I started a new line of 800 feet water loge through China town — Yesterday Halsey went to Grass valley to see about getting a Photo. Gallery there, B. back tomorrow — Mike getting jealous of me without cause, which makes me feel like giving her cause — Dont like to be suspected, or tempted either. —

Yesterday Mrs Munson went to San Francisco, taking Charlie along with her, for a chang — Hope she will keep him, as he no honor or help to to me or others here, as his mother will not allow me to educate, or in any way control his actions — Same with Eva — both living in filth and ignorance and crime will probly follow.

Willie still with us.

June 28th 1874

Weather pleasent and cool. Cherries ripe = Last monday W. H. Rosy shot himself at the Canon creek saw mill, cause supposed to be unreturned love for Widow Calhaun, (nee Bake) He was burried tuesday by the Odd Fellows, of which he was a member — He was also a good Templer — Age about 28 — a german by birth, a sad affair.

Dud

Halsey went to Grassvalley and bought out a Photograph Gallery, and will close up here next week, July first.

Alarm of fire friday, Mr Luddum's chimney on fire — no damage done.

Same day Mr O. Lepper while visiting summerset mines, was caught on a badly hurt, but no bones broken.

Funded Telegraph and Express office for McClure to go to a Ball at the summit house.

" 12 Hot weather — ripe apples, peaches, apricots &c in market.

Thursday evening went to Yuba Bute and visited Brooklyn Lodge No 46 I.O.O.F. and assisted in Installation of Officers. — Had hired man the last ten days — Wm. Anderson, working on water works with me. Worked two days at McClures, taking up and relaying water pipe. Comit visible in the N.N.W. all last week — Tonight minstral show in a tent — Charlie came home from S.F.

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July, 19 — Sunday — Weather very hot all last week — worked at China town putting in new water logs and pipe, and had hired help.

Water in the ditches holds out well this year, better than usual. —

Tuesday and Wednesday nights the Coleman sisters, theatrical troup performed here to good houses. —

" 26 Hot and dry weather last week, sort of dog-day weather, as it would be called, "down east" — I finished putting in 90 feet water logs at China town and put water pipes into two China Houses, Thursday took stereo. views of Yankee claim, tunnel and bridge, falls &c. Friday morning Eva got up early stole some of my money, walked to the station and went to San Fran on the cars, which we found out the same night, and Willie took the 11 P.M. train for Sac. after her, yesterday we got telegram from Mrs Thomson in San Fran. that Eva was there all right.

No preaching at the Union Church today, as the Rev. Mr Brier has got through his call here. —

Aug 1 Pleasent weather. I put water pipes into 5 China houses at China town; 4 at $2.00 and 1 at $1.00 per month

Took stereo. views of the Yankee and Jehoshaphat claims, also the outlet to the Yankee tunnel.

Willie returned with Eva from San Francisco, on friday evening. She seems to have had a good time of it, but I think she is no better for it.

Wife wants to "rough it" in the woods a while, with the children

Bear shower — Town
Printed views today

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Aug 9th Weather cool and pleasent. Thursday I took my family with provisions bed &c. up to 7 mile valley to rusticate a while in the woods. It is a pleasent place, 5 miles above Emigrant Gap, in a comfortable house and every thing handy, and a summer milk ranch close by — I returned home friday, and will now keep house alone for a while, as Willie Starr went to San Francisco to work, today, which leaves me with the cat, Rabbet, Parrot, Pig, canary &c to take care of and keep me company. — The Ladies of the M.E. Church, held a Festival last night, at the Rink, which was well attended — Proceeds to go to the pastor Rev G.D. Pinneo

" 16 Sunday. Weather warm — hot, dry and dusty. Mr Jameson our justice of the peace on a big drunk, since tuesday last. I tended telegraph office five nights for Mr Bolden of Emigrant Gap, to be ready to take a message for the Doctor, when his wife get ready to have her baby, time being due, also tended saturday for Mr. Clure to go on a Picnic, to Crystle Lake. Friday evening fire at china town little damage done. — Last night social dance at the Rink. several drunks about town today.

" 23 Pleasent weather as usual. Tended Express and telegraph office two days for Mr. Clure, and telegraph ten nights all together for Bolden Emigrant Gap. His wife had baby thursday morning, a Girl.

Aug 24 — Show at the Golden Eagle Hall — Spotted boy, snakes, monkeys and Dwarf Lady, also Stereopsp
" 25 Went on P.M. freight train to Crystal Lake, thence on foot to 6 mile Valley and staied that night with wife and children — slight showers.
" 26 Walked to Emigrant Gap, and arrived home, on cars, at 2 - P. M.
" 30 Sunday, weather hot.
Friday went with 2 horse team after my family, and came home with them yesterday, all being well — Today printed some stereo. views —
Last 2 nights the "Fay Templeton Troup" performed at the Rink to good houses — Friday eve, Cha's Burnett died at Little York, of consumption, and was buried here today, by the Masonic Lodge
Sept. 6 Sunday, pleasent and cool, but weather hot first part of last week.
Born, to the wife of H.K. West, a daughter Sept 1st — To the wife of Rev. S.D. Pinneo a son this sunday morning, Sept. 6th
Last tuesday a Chinaman was washed through the Yankee claim shaft and tunnel to Bear River, Killed of course
I worked one day for Wm. Clure at the office and powder house, the rest of the time about home, and on waterworks
Wednesday, 2nd I sold the lot and buildings (the old Lyon place) on main street to S.E. Rosenberg for $600.00 cash, and paid of the balance on the mortgage to amount of $446.00 — Friday went to Little York, and paid Sim Jordan $105.00 borrowed money, and interest

Died Friday Morning the 4th Just But was buried

Sept. 13th 1874

Pleasent sunday, same all the week. Thursday, a new artist, Mr. Yanus Lenish took the Photo. Gallery at $15.00 per month rent, with water. Last week, wife, started to economise in housekeeping, on a cash system, result favorable so far but poor grub for me, "a new broom sweeps clean". —

Last went to a volunteer concert at the M. E. church, for the benefit the Pastor — Pinnow was very good, but small audience present — New moon I see this evening — A Mr. Hooker has been teaching a writing school here, the last 2 weeks.

Public school commenced last monday — Mr. Myrick in the upper, and Miss in the lower department.

" 20 Nice weather as usual.

Friday took stews. of Yankee claims, for Ludlum.

Thursday went to Auburn, to see about the J. Lanner estate. It is now in the charge of the Pub. administrator. — Vivian and troup sung here tuesday evening to spare house, and they left in disgust — The Lewis Bro's showed two nights to good houses, one night, have gross proceeds was given in benefit of the cripple boy Jimmy Kenney. — E. M. Kapp is building new butcher shop.

Hunted 'n day with such poor success I got disgusted — Quail very scarce —

Sept. 27th 1874

Very warm dry dusty weather
Ef ✓ I tended E & press and Telegraph five days while McClure was away to to San Francisco — During the week two different women were here begging, on their way west, one had been robbed on the cars and the other had lost every thing by Explosion of the Steamer Pat Rodgers on the Mississippi river, Thursday night Mr J. E.
Rosenburg died Rosenburg accidently fell down the Yankee Claim shaft 130 feet
Mutt died and was killed — He was buried by the Odd Fellows, he being a Member of Fredonia Lodge No. 188 at Smartsville — Tuesday last Mrs. N. M. Mutt died, leaving a husband and three children.
State Fair meet, at which the horse Sam Purdy beat Occident in the trating race for best three in five, to harness, mile heats, the most interesting part of the Fair apparently. — But few went from here.
Cloudy and windy tonight, indicating a change in the weather
Oct 4 Nice cool weather, Rain tuesday night which laid the dust — Worked one day for Mrs Halsey packing pictures &c. and she moved to Grass Valley to her husband —
Wright died 'n day picking plums — maid new drain for our cellar — Social festivities at the Good Templers last night — Last sunday Mr. Wright, of Alta a saloon keeper, died, and was buried here — whiskey killed him —
Last week the Supreme court decided the "Local Option Law" unconstitutio

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~~Sept.~~ 11th - Nice cool weather during
Oct. the past week - Tuesday went to
Green Valley, stoped there that night
and came home wednesday, shot five
squirrels and two grouse, getting
home very tired - Thursday went
with cart to Gold Run, and took
views of Gold Run and Home Ticket
claims, for Cedar Creek Co - being
gone two days. - Wife sick again,
and cross as hell! - Bot Simmons'
cow for $40.00 - Clerked for Mr.
Simmons auction last night,
lainings of a one horse store. -
Last night social dance at the
skating rink, none for me. -
" 18. Sunday, Light rain, dust well
laid - Yesterday local election
for road master, for Dutch Flat
road district, (under the new law)
and the present incumbent, C. S.
Clark was elected, getting 47 votes
and J. J. Daremus having 40 votes -
Street vendors, singing and selling
pens here friday night. I worked
about the house. Repaired cellar, &c
Oct. 14th was our 5th anniversary
or wooden Wedding, and I put a
shingle notice on our gate,
but never got "nary" present.
Printed few Bill Heads for J.
H. Runkel. - China Town is
hideous with noise, now during
their annual religious festy.
" 19 Mrs. C. S. Clark, died, aged 66 years,
native of N. Y. state. -
Died Weather somewhat cloudy,
25th Stormy, rain and little snow,
cold, wet and nasty, Printed bill heads,

Oct. 31st Weather, Tolerable pleasent, after the little storm. — Last two days was tending express and telegraph offic, McLure gone to San Francisco — Yesterday the trotting race, one mile and repeat, to harness, between Fullerton and Occident, took place, at San Francisco, — Fullerton won 1st heat in 2 18 — Occident won 2nd ht. in 218 — and 3d ht. in 222½ —

Wife sick with bad cold. —

Nov. 5th Big rain storm on hand, ditches all full of water, — McLure came home on evening of the 3d, having been away five days. —

Settled the estate of J. E. Rosenberg deceased, all the property goin to Jacob Offner and family, — Winter coming on earlier than usual, and I have not got my winters wood yet — Last night the Gold Run Brass Band came up here and played, entertaining "we uns" and they being entertained with, drinks, smoks, and lunch.

" 8 Light rain yesterday, when McLure went to Nevada on the stage, and will be home tonight, via Colfax. —

" 15 Tuesday, and and thursday night it rain. balance of the week, cloudy, cool, and pleasent. — Friday the 13th went with family to Gold Run and attended a ball, given by the Gold Run Brass Band, — Had a good time, and on next morning freight train, about 15 — of our Fire co. boys were there, in red shirts, belts &c. I sawed some stove wood ready for hauling home from the woods! — Bad weather for teaming — Pittman hauled me a load of limbs. — 2 of our bulls have strayed, or been stolen. —

Nov. 20th Friday, 1874 and my birth day—
Oh. My! is it possible I am forty two years old? and yet it must be, "but how time flies!" wish I could take him by the "fore-lock", as I have heard a child so much.— Well "Such is life."
Weather tolerable fair, since last sunday, but indicates more storm,
" 22 Raining since yesterday P. M.—
Mr. Clure went to San Francisco thursday, leaving me to tend his office. Expect him home tonight.—
Ledgerdimain (bilk) Show in town.—
Today done some printing for Christmas ball at Gold Run—
" 29 Sunday.— First three days of the week was raining hard. last four days pleasent and mild.—
The 26th was Thanksgiving day, we had roast pig, and stewed chicken one visitor to dinner — Jas. Hawkins. In the evening — or in fact most all night, was danced at the Good Templers Ball, having a good time. We lost two of our ducks. guess some body stole them for thanksgiving. Baby weighs 22 lbs. and wife weighs 152 lbs having gained 25 lbs. since we have been married — Yesterday I got in one more load of wood.
Dec 6 Beautiful Sabbath day.
Pleasent all the past week, monday took view of Yankee claim.—
Got in a load of wood, fixed up for winter about the ranch &c.
Borrowed $300.00 of J. McIntosh, mortgaging house for it — Paid E. L. McClure $116.50 — W. & P. Nisholls $117.00 — and Geo. Lennaldson $121.00 all debts and interest of borrowed money

Dec. A Pleasent Sunday, - Weather
13 - clear and warm all the past week.
I worked two days at A. Bowles putting down carpets - - Got in another load of wood for winter. -
Tuesday evening, the 8th inst. Olive Lodge No. 81 - I. O. O. F. held a Rebekah meeting, confering the Degree on the wife of J. B. Chadwick, after which, music and singing, also a supper in the Lodge Room - Then a little dance at the Rink, most all night. - Same evening D. W. Bowker opened dancing School, terms $10.00 for twelve lessons - about Dec. 1st - I hear that widow J. B. Wren, was married in San Fran. - Today, took family out to have a walk, up on the R. Road. -

Dec 20 Another pleasant sunday, very light rain last monday night and tuesday a.m. - Thursday last went to Auburn as a witness, on the Stover, vs. Lawver watch case, before the Probate Court; case desided against Stover. -
Made repairs about the house and barn, also some on the water-works, near the skating Rink, and at China town.
Tuesday night attended dancing School, Last nigh Masonic Lodge. -

Friday. Paint Powder accident to little Yorke & Cooper children

27 Pleasant Sunday - Christmas eve. we had a Christmas tree, and Santa Claus at our house, The Trathens, Ketchums and Lawrences being with us, also W. D. Starr from San Fran. - Christmas night there was a general public tree, at the Rink. -
Thursday a little snow, balance of the week clear and cold nights. - Tuesday night I was at Colfax to attend R. A. M. meeting Thursday Mrs. H. P. Cox had a baby.

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Jan. 3rd Clear, pleasant and warm all the past week - Remarkably dry winter thus far - New Years Ball at the Rink on thursday evening we all went and had a good time

Friday evening Auburn Encampment no. 20 - I.O.O.F. installed its officers, and had a supper, I was put in the office of scribe. -

Last Clay Lodge no 101 - F & A.M. installed their officers, and had a supper - I being put into the secretaries chair - Having been out the greater part of the last 3 nights today I am about used up, and have a bad cold - Had my starboard upper eye tooth pulled out today.

Willie Starr returned to San Francisco, yesterday, having spent the holly days with us. -

This B.M. wife has gone out buggy riding with Young Doan of Bora, he being a man of a somewhat wild disapated habits. I dont like it, and I think she is doing wrong.

" 10 Clear and pleasant all the past week. Tuesday night dancing school. accepted position of Telegraph repairer for Dutch Flat station and vacinity, at $35.00 per month. - Thursday evening walked to Gold Run, and back, visiting the Odd Fellows Lodge - Yesterday went 2 miles south of Gold Run, repairing telegraph lines

Wife been making more improvements in the house, tearing out, and putting up new petitions &c, etc. - never suited. -

17 Weather variable. - Mrs. Professor Larkin giving lectures to ladies in M.E. Church

Good Temples Bot new Woods Organ for Lodge room at $129.00 stool $4.00

Jan. 21st Thursday — Sunday Ben. Cook came here to visit me, on his way to S. F. from South Mountain, Idaho, and went on to San. Fran. monday. — Sunday rained easy, monday and ~~tuesday~~ had hard. and on ~~wednesday~~ Tuesday harder, with a gale of wind,
Big Storm making a freshet, and doing much damage all along the coast. — Railroad and telegraph sadly demoralised, briges gone, bank slides and so forth — I was out all day wednesday (yesterday) repairing the W. U. Telegraph lines going as far as Colfax — and tuesday, the day before, was out in the worst of the storm, getting very wet and cold — Today repaired McClures line to his house. —

Jan. 24 Been raining most of the time, during the last three days, and still raining middly

Last monday, the 17th Mrs. G. Schillinsky
Born — gave birth to a daughter. —

Friday I repaired W. U. Telegraph, above Alta station — The papers give sad accounts of the effects of the storm, the fore part of the week — The city of Marysville having suffered the worst, it being flooded to the of six and seven feet, causing much suffering, and great loss of property. —

Our Fire Co. have concluded to have a ball and supper, Feb. 22nd, anniversary of Washington's birth in 1732 —

Jan 31 Sunday and tolerable pleasent weather most of the last week — Wednesday & Tuesday windy — Tree fell near Depot across track and wires, giving me a job of repairing — Yesterday repaired pipe for Sacramento St. and had hired man — Yesterday Mrs Cooper of Little York had a baby, both sick — Today McClure went hunting — We, us folks, walked to Gopher Capon nist bak
who got crazy drunk and tried to kill me and th
had it with lunchers — Chunkey me,

Feb. 4th Weather clear and pleasent all past week - Wednesday morning a german traveling jeweler named Sessler got on a drunk, at Alta the night before, and being bot here by the constable suicided by shooting himself with a pistol - The G.P. had a "crowners jury" set on him, and the body burried at the expense of the county - Jas Burk gave up the Photo. Gallery, and left for some new field - I holding some of his things for debt, taking the law into my awne hands. - "He is a 'lilly'."

Died

Died Mrs. Cooper

Thursday night Mrs J. Cooper of Little York died, and was burried her Saturday in I.O.O.F. cemetery, a large funeral. Child birth was the first, or primary cause of death, - Child died also -

Feb. 10 - Beautiful weather - yesterday walked to Colfax, to Chapter meeting, wife got jelous and followed me in carriage - I think some times she is crazy, and I am afraid of her, - I quieted her the best I could, and drove home with her, where we arrived at 5 o'clock A.M. on

" 11 and went to bed - as she failed to find me doing any thing wrong, she is being very good to me. -

" 15 Sunday and very pleasent, nice weather, same all the week, = Thursday a man died at Alta named Sawyer, a relative of the Smiths and was burried here on friday = Fixed water pipe for Ferguson, also for Lundburn,

Died

" 21 Charles Helmer Thompson, was in the Yankee mine, caught in the derick - norwegian aged 28.

Died

" 22 Reliance Hose co. had a grand Ball in honor of Washington, 88 tickets sold, nice time

" 26 Eugene, infant son of Amos Morse died

" " J. Baker, of Goldran killed in Pacific mine

Feb. leaves a wife an 2 childn. Was cared on-
aged about 29- an american-
" 29 Sunday and weather pleasent. Wife sick and
baby got bad cold. Took hot bath &c. Sitaher-
Mch. 1 March came in like a lamb. - Printed some
Tickets to Gold Run Ball. the 4th inst.
" 2 The lamb is sick- nice snow storm today.
Dr. Martin was in to see wife- more drugs &c.
" 3 Cool and cloudy- I cooked breakfast. fish.
Collected water rents. and cleaned I.O.O.F. Hall.
" 7 Pleasent Sunday- Rev. Mr. Raynolds of
Vallejo preached at the Union Church.
Bell Chamberlin, a spiritualist has
been lectureing at the Skating Rink,
will Lecture on Temperance tomorrow night.
Mrs. Dr. Larkins lectured at the M. E.
Church friday night. - Our baby is
quite sick, the same as many other children
in town, with a sort of Epizotic, or bad
colds in throat and lungs. - Got it myself
about half of the past week was light
Died snow and rain storms.
" 8 Mrs. Kate Hudepohl. wife of R. Hudepohl
died this morning. Irish woman aged
about 30- leaving three children, fun-
eral tomorrow at the Union Church.
" " No stormes last week, but the last 2
days was cloudy, windy and cold, and a
hard frost last night. - Mrs. Belle
Chamberline, the Spiritualist gave
several interesting lectures at the
Rink. "Love and Marriage", "Temperance
and Free Love", being the subjects, and
tonight she speaks on the woman suf-
frage question- Friday evening last
the latter subject was discussed. By
Mrs. Doctress Larkin and Senator F.
Martin, affirmative and negative respect-
ively to crowded audience, at the
Rink. Question unsettled yet.

7th Infant child, daughter, of L. B. Filbertson died.

Mch. 21 Weather tolerable pleasent all the past several windy days, some cloudy. Sprinkled main street to lay the dust Monday, a Mr Sawyers died at Alta died, and was buried here.

Mrs. Belle Chamberlain, is keeping up her lectures here to good audiences all (as she says?) under spiritual controle, which many seem to believe, but I dont believe it, but acknowledge her a very fluent speaker, also another trance or clairvoyant medium in town Mrs. Jeffries, and a Mr. or Dr. Shortiff a second deist, who lectures tonight on the Bible, and the trio seems to have captured the town, the women especially, and my wife more especially, as she has the Chamberlain, to visit and eat with us, (when I get to eat a good square meal,) and had herself examined and the Chamberlains spiritual controle, whose advise is considered of more value than mine, Poor suffering humanity!, &c. etc. which, of course, required money out of my pocket, Oh, what saftness!

Spirits

" 23 Wednesday, the 23d it commenced to rain about 4 P.M. and rained hard till midnight - yesterday clear - today cloudy and cool - Tuesday night went to Colfax to attend Chapter meeting, stoping at Gold Run with wife and the Spirit mediums, visiting Mrs. Price, and seeing her Spirit pictures on brown paper.

" " Last night Mrs. Price, of Gold Run, showed her pictures, at the Rink, and Belle Chamberlain Lectured on them, and about the other spirits - Yesterday Mrs. P. Eckert of this place died at Sacrendu a surgical operation for internal tumors - Funeral here tomorrow

Died.

March 25th Mr. John Parkan and Miss Lizzie Schillinsky, were married today at Auburn
" 28 Commenced to rain this morning, and has rained all day, with snow above town. Last night, wife and Maggie Duncan went to Little York, with Mrs. Belle Chamberlain and Dick Frazy - Lectured and returned home to bed at midnight -
" 29 Weather pleasent again, after a nice rain. - I received a letter and papers from relatives at Alton N. H. -
Wife and Maggie both sick after the ride to Little York, so I have to do house work and care for baby. - Chickens hatched
Belle Chamberlain went to Gold Run yesterday to Lecture, &c.
Sold Sow pig for $10.00 to China man. -
April 1 March came in, gambaled, and went out like a lamb, no lion about it. Last night gave her farewell lecture at the Rink, and went to Nevada city today. - Maggie Duncan went to Gold Run today to work in the Hacket Hotel - new lot of chickens out today. - April fools are plenty 'round here today -
I see a new preacher came to town last night - Nice weather for vegitation, fruit trees in blossom - Got new "pump".
" 4 Rumor yesterday P.M. that "Beacher" had commited Suiside, wants confirmation. Weather cloudy & cool but clear today Frost last night. - Yesterday papered a room in our house - New writing teacher in town A. Fike - also new Preacher a Union Church today - Rev. Mr. Devine
" 9 Yesterday, Jacob son of J.R. Faller was drowned in the Yuba ditch at the Depot aged about 6 years -
Died
" 11 Mr. H. K. West died last night aged 47 - leaves wife and 7 children - Funeral tomorrow
Boy died when - weather very warm

1879

April 11th Weather pleasent and very warm;
Mr. R. C. Branin, a young Photo. artist came here, from Stockton, to see about renting the Gallery, and went to Grassvalley today, to see his wife and her father, to have consultation before concluding on it — Dr Bluett is building new house on the Old Burkhalter lot, on main st. — S. H. Davidson is also building new house on his lot, near China town.
Cow is bulling again; Bully for her!

" 18 Sunday = Extremely warm weather all the past week, causing vegitation to grow very rapidly — Friday night a Mr. Herrick
Died at the Old National Hotel, aged about 50 years, a blacksmith working for the Cedar Creek co: The body was sent away, I worked two days building fence for S. L. Maker. = Tuesday night the Rev. Mr. Devine, Lectured at the U. C. on the subject of Spiritualism, condemning the doctrin bitterly.

" 25 Mr. R. C. Branin, a Photographist rented the Phograph Gallery, and today I printed some notices for him.
Mr. Thomas Broyles is very sick.
Monday and tuesday nights there was a traveling legerdemane show in town closing with a dance, (the Salamander)
Two more hens hatched out chickens.
Thursday I went up the ridge after a load of pump logs, with Pittmans team, and caught a young Rablet and brot home.

May 2 Sunday, Warm, clear, pleasant and dry weather. — Last sunday night I watched in the Janke claim — and I was sick several days. bowels
Had Mr Osborn working two days for me, diggin on water works, and I put in 90 feet on main st yesterday taking out iron pipe —

May 2 – Last night the Good Templars had a Festival at the Rink ending with a dance, we went but did not stay, wife being down hearted about something, which she confessed to me after we went home, of which more anon Kilsing

" 20 – Sunday – two Sundays 9th went to San Fran. with wife, where we staid till 19th enjoying ourselves, seeing the sights, and spending money, and I attended the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. while we were gone Mr. Branin and wife lived in and took care of the house and pets – This month has been cooler and wetter than April – Shows in town, evening of 8th inst – ~~Sun~~ M. E. Church Festival – since some traveling shows several social dances &c. and Saturday night last children's musical entertainment, benefit of pub. school good. Monday May 17th Mr. Jim Staples was married to Miss.

" 20 Weare Mr. Osborn working for me on water works –

Died " Last night Mr. Stowell Demmick was caved on and killed in the Central claim, he leaves a poor family, was buried by the masons.

" 29 Memorial day, or decoration day rather, Finished putting in new main pipe and logs on Sac. st – Last wednesday night I watched the Central claim, also last night, and will do it again tonight. Thursday morning Mrs. F. died – german woman aged about 40 leaves a husband and 5 children. This morning Mrs. J. Simons had a baby, done well, been married about 7 weeks – Put in new string main water pipe and logs on Sac. st.

1875

June 5th Weather clear, and warm, and dry.
Thursday took two Stereo. views of the Yankee claim for Ludlum.
Water for miners is failing in the ditches.—

Died 1st Master David Walters, aged about 12 years, son of R. Walters, of "Mary Lid"

June 5 Today I watched in the Yankee mine Friday night last. Bear and other animal show at the Rink—folks went.—

" 14 Dutch Flat has resolved to celebrate the coming "fourth," $300.00 has been subscribed for it. I am one on the committee.

Rain Yesterday it rained all day, an unusual thing for June, but it has done much good to the roads and vegitation in this vicinity.— Man blown up in a mine near Bear Valley last week and nearly killed, one leg broken. He was brought here to the hotel for medical treatment.
Thomas Porter, a former chum and partner of mine.——

June 20 Sunday, very warm, watched the Yankee mine today.— "Fourth of July" and politics is all the talk.— Last week I put in a new string of water pipe into our garden.—
Baby had a bad fall off the porch and hurt his forehead.

" 24 Hot day— anniversary of St John the Evangeles, A Masonic holliday— who have a picnic at Donner Lake from Truckee and vicinity.
Tuesday night last went to Colfax to Chapter meeting, being up all night.—

" 27 Weather hot and dry.— I sprinkle main street every day. I watched this P.M. in Yankee Claim.— Had larboard lower deck wisdom tooth pulled.—
Yesterday school election for Trustees Towle, Gardner, and Cabot elected

Sunday July 4th 1875
Weather has been warm with a few light clouds and showers. — We are already to celebrate tomorrow. Mrs Belle Chamberlain will Orate, and Ball in the evening &c etc.
Lots of tramp about, and also patent medicine men, Book agents and sick — Colfax celebrated yesterday — E. L. McClure goes to Reno, Virginia City and Lake Tahoe to-night on Pleasure jaunt, and I will tend office for him while away.
Some heads about the Orator engaged being a Spiritualist &c.

July 18 Sunday, weather nice — Last tuesday all went to crystle lake, except the the baby. Mrs. Branic is keeping house for me while they are away.
Friday night H. F. Page and Mr Blanchard, republicans held forth at the Rink to a lean audiance I called it. which is the first bubbles of political Pot, that is begining to boil —
This evening Mr. McClure returned home, so tomorrow I shall be at liberty again. — Last night the Union Church ladies held a festival at the Rink — I did not go, being at Masonic Lodge.

" 23 Hot and dry weather — Tonight will watch Yankee claim — new, or rather old claims being opened, the old Tiaff mines and Colgrones Dutch Flat claim, the miners ditch co. having taken contract to run bed rock tunnel from Bear river — Folks still away at crystle lake — 24th Republicans and Independ elected delegates to co. convention.

1895

Weather hot, dry and dusty

Aug. 1st Tuesday night last watched in the Yankee claim - Folks still at Crystle Lake and I hear Charlie has the measles Cleaned out tank above China town. I will watch in the Yanke claim again tonight. - Water is about dried up in the ditches for this season.

" 8 Sunday hot, dusty dry. - worked about half the week on water works and the balance of the time on Masonic Hall, but I went to Sacramento tuesday and bought fixtures for the Hall, and I came back wednesday.

Thursday Evening Mr Larkins the democratic cand. for Congress spouted here, also several local offices seekers of the same stripe. - My folks are still at Crystal Lake eating fish &c.

Milton & co. Showed here last 2 nights

" 15 Sunday again. weather as usual only smoky - Folks still at Crystle Lake rusticating - The political spotlights, Larkins and Battle candidates for congress spoke here last, also some county nominees. - Saloons are doing well. -

Died I tended Express the last three days for Mr. Clure to go to Butte co. - Yesterday a Boy named Larber was buried here from Alta -

Aug 21 Sunday - Weather, hot dry, and dusty as usual. Wife came home from the Crystle Lake yesterday morning and returned again last night, being happier away from me, and with other men &c well I suppose I must submit, and be as happy as I can. - Outside of politics, times are very dull now - I wrote a letter to Mrs. M. J. Warner, Boylston Mass, not having seen her for 20 years

Aug. 29 — Sunday. Cooler weather — but very dry. Last night we had Republican speaking here last night from Kinkade, Fulweiler, Crandle, Ashley, Hogans, and Murphy, also Judge Hall.

Thursday the "Bank of California" of San Francisco suspended, which is causing more excitement and talk than the political contest — and W. C. Ralston, the Bank president was drowned, either by accident or suicide.

My folks are still at Crystal Lake. —

died Last night Hank Curtis died, a young man, but a poor besotted loafer. Bad company and strong dozvak was the primary cause of his ruin — So they go. —

Sept. 5 Sunday. Dry, Dusty &c — Wednesday 1st inst. was state and county election — Irwin, Democrat, is elected Governor, and all the other state officers Democratic, and a part of our county officers — —

My folks came home from Crystal Lake today, after an absence of 5 weeks.

I am elected a deligate to Grand Lodge of Good Templers, which meets in San Fran. Oct. 5th — think I will go down —

" 12 Cool and cloudy spell — Folks came home from the Crystal Lake, saying they had a good time, and it seems they had lots of single gentlemens company while there — Messrs Kelsey Ashburn — Foster, Perry, and others who kept them well supplied with liquor, and other good things, and my wife now has a strong taste for it, too much so for my piece of mind, and I found out that she is corresponding with H. C. Kelsey, at Emigrant Gap, which disturbs me still more, for it makes me jelous, and I think I have good cause, for she is very cool to me and loving caresses — Oh! mortal m

1875

Sept 19 – Weather hot again – Mr C has went hunting last tuesday, and I am tending office for him. I suppose he will hunt about ten days above Cisco –

Wednesday Mrs. Wildt returned to San Fran. having been visiting with us over two months, – I think her a very nice lady, and count her as one of my female friends = Sunday, and this is the most miserable of my life thus far. My wife went to San Francisco, with Eva today, and from intercepted letters between her and Kelsey, I know that they are lovers, and she never intends to live with me any more, and she thinks she is deceiving me, but she dont, and I feel that I must give her up, although it is hard to bear, for all her wrong and deception to me, I love her still, and I am, like Beatrice, "on the ragged edge of despair" – My God, Cant I throw off this horrid depression, my brain is on fire! Is this madness or what? I almost wish I was dead, and my creditors are pressing me also, because of the town scandle about my wife. Shall I, – but no I will live for my boy, and overcome all obstacles – If I have true friends here now, I will soon know them – Charlie is to follow his mother in a few days –

I wrote about my trouble to Mrs Wildt, for I feel that I must make a confident of some one, in this my hours of bereavement – I would now rather see my wife in her grave, than she should have left me, for what I fear will be a wasted life for her, for I now think she is crazy in her infatuation for Kelsey, The future will tell, for us all!

1875

Nov. 8th Made a contract with the Western Union Telegraph Co. to do the repairing between Colfax and Emigrant Gap this winter for $35.00 per month.—

Repaired cellar under my house.

" 15 Commence raining on full of the moon 12th inst. and rained ever since—was out on the telegraph lines, repairing.

" 22 Rain continues, with short intermissions— Ditches full of water and the mines are busy hydraulicing—

I have been out repairing the telegraph lines most every day

" 27th Weather cleared up a little, but still cloudy— Monday on telegraph— Tuesday went to Auburn and entered complaint, and made application in district court for a divorce from my adulterious wife, and in the evening returned to Colfax and attended Siloam Chapter No 37—R. A. M.— and home next day in the rain, which let up on the night of 26th inst

" 29 Nice clear weather,— Cleaned windows for Mr. Clure.

Dec 5 Rain again until friday night, since then clear and pleasent,— Tuesday 3 walked to Colfax, along the Telegraph wires, and returned on evening train. Wednesday, cowed Lounge, and helped Ed Mallows fix water pipe— Got a letter from my wife, saying she is unhappy and wants to see me— will answer it. Soldered roof on Union Church— Collected water rents &c.

" 10 Weather still pleasent, but the Sac. valley is in a fog bank

" 11 Saturday night Good Templars Social

Dan Shellschild

Weather still clear and pleasant
Dec. 18 and fog in the valley, and bay —
Putting my spare time cutting down
a tree for wood — Wife repentant
and wants to come home again. says
she loves me only &c. — Oh! my, what
a changable thing she is, but I dont
think I can ever love her again
Am sorry for her, but fear she
is demented, and not capable of
taking care of herself — so fickle
minded — Hired Hopsinger to
help me saw up tree.

Saturday night

Today put in new water
pipe for Bro Hine — Chenaman —
Jack Rablin building
new whiskey mill, and wants
water put next week —
Clouded up — 4 P.M. raining
hard — Dance at the rink,

" 25 Nice pleasent weather, until yester-
day when it rained again, fair today
but raining again this evening
Last Night Christmas treds at
the M. E. and Union Church, I took
Willie to the M. E. Church tree, but
not to the other = John Rablin opened
his new whiskey Mill, — Lots of corn-
ishmen drunk tonight — Wife writes
every few days, to come back, if I
will take her, No, no! I dont want her,

" 26 Sunday, and raining hard all day
Mrs. Branin went to Auburn to
visit her folks, and took Willie along.

Born Last friday Mrs. Ferguson gave
birth to a boy, and tuesday Mrs
Lakamp had a boy baby.

Worked on wood and waterworks
nothing very well, hired a man
to help me — Dismal tonight

1875
Dec. 31st Changable weather, last night very cold, same today and cloudy, and snow this evening, was out today on Branch line telegraph repairing - Monday last Mrs Branin went to Auburn with Willie, on a visit to her folks, leaving me and Branin together - Same day hen hatched out nine chickens, having stole her nest. -

Yesterday, ~~to~~ wednesday, 29th my wife and Mrs. Wildt came up from San Francisco, - Wife came for a reconcilliation, and brot. Mrs. W. to help her conquer me, into forgiving, and to take her, and they are so earnest and humble about it, that, I have surrendered for the time being, at least, for fear of something serious might happen, to my wife, for she raves, and says "she will not leave Dutch Flat again, and if I dont take her back to my bed and board she will distroy herself &c, so I have no other alternative but to take her back, and give her a fair show to be a better woman than hereto fore, for she has caused me much trouble, and vexation of spirits, - We will try again with the Centenial New Year, with a new set of books - turning over a new leaf to start on.

Jan 8 More rain, ground well saturated. Mrs. Wildt returned to San Francisco, and I went to Auburn, got baby and withdrew my divorce suit, having made up my mind to do the fair thing for my family, even if I am not happy myself in the reconstruction

" 15 Pleasent and clear weather, except a little snow storm, was out several times on the telegraph lines, repairing.

1876

Jan 23rd We are now having a big snow storm, there being over a foot of snow on the ground. Charlie and Ena came home from San Francisco, and they seemery glad to get back to their old home again.

" 24 Today I went to secret Town wood shed after a telegraph break - R. R. trains very irregular, no mail mist today

Storm cleared off. - Last week we had masonic funeral - body of S. R. Kidder, accidently shot at Dawa Hill. - Also had a marriage, Mr. E. W. Faule to Miss Barber of Alta, - new telegraph line put up by Faule Bros. from Dutch Flat, to Alta and Blaming Mill, about 4 miles long.

" " Today E. W. Faule bot. E. L. McClures house and lot on main street

" 25 This is Chinese new year and a holliday with them. Snow storm

Feb 6 Weather stormy most all the time

" 8 - Tended Express office three days while Mr. went below -

" 13 Clear again, after a severe storm of rain and snow - which I had to be out in most of the time fixing telegraph - Last week Mrs

died J. W. Pearsh died, and Mrs. Luke

Born Bigcord had twin babys, Girl and Boy. - Today went to M. E. Sunday School with Willie and Ena, wrote letters &c.

Mch 1 came in clear, and like a lamb, but storming again before night - like a lyon.

" 8 Storming most all the time, snow & rain.

Died yesterday little Grace Martin died of pneumonia - Some sleighing. -

Daniel S. Dunn married Miss Ena Kapp - Leap year ball, on the 17th of Ireland day by the ladies of Dutch Flat.

Dutch Flat, Placer co. California

Mch. 12 - Nearly two feet of snow on the ground, it having been cold and snowing most all the month. Several storms all along the coast, and the Sacramento River is reported higher than ever known before - Storm let up one day about on the full of the moon, so the Eclips of the moon on the 9th was visable here - lots of water pipes busted by freezing up - R.R. trains have run very irregular this stormy weather. Had several trips out on the telegraph.

" 19 Talerable pleasent for march. No news items of interest, except what is published in the Farmer paper

" 25. Stormy, rain and snow. I have been out repairing telegraph only three times this month - Mining is lively about here now. Ditches all full of water - I and Mr Brann took a Panoramic photograpic view of the town and mines, and general scenery - the day of the eclips of the sun, which was a good time.

I forgot to note the Ladies leap year ball here on the 17th anniversary of St. Patrick - which was a grand and successfull affair. - Mr was there

Mrs. Swenson and her son-in-law, Sherren are building a new Hotel on the site of the old Placer Hotel, to be three storys high - of wood -

Apr. 1. April fool day. - Morning was pleasent, but evening stormy, snow rain and frost. -

" 8 Variable weather. - Peach trees in bloom, but nipped with frost last night - We have started some garden - I run new pipes to the house, from J. Haases Spring and well.

April — Sunday, and the priest day of the spring thus far —

" 16 Went to the M. E. Sunday Sc today with the children —

Last night went, with wife to Union Church to hear Professor C. B. Plummer, recite — Caricatures.

The Tennessee Jubilee Singers were here last week, and did well, two nights

Charlie went hunting yesterday, got some rabbits, and broke the gun. —

" 23 variable weather. Today I went to the american river towards Iowa Hill and repaired telegraph wires —

Several one horse shows in town — Mines all appear to be doing well

" 30 Weather pleasent, worked all the week on the water works, —

Took family to see the Ware Troup Sherons New hotel is getting on finely. Many strangers in town

Mines doing well, Mr. Clure sent off near $50,000 of gold dust during April — to the Mint.

May 7 — fine weather, warm and sunny

Ever started going to School last week, in the intermediate department

Alf Burnett, the humorist is billed for the 16th — Thursday night last the good Templars held a Festival clearing $102.35 — Today bought new hats and went to Sunday School with the children. = — Last week our young cow dry in calving, making the third I have lost in the last six years. — Paid Mr. Intosh $27.00 interest the 3d inst. — Halsey was here from Grassvalley — his wife gone East

May 14th A pleasant Sunday - went to Sunday School with the children, and also took a walk on the R.R. -

Cool but pleasant weather last week

May 21 - Least monday, 15th inst - Mr. Chas. Staples married Miss - Whipple - - -

Friday took wife and baby over to the Polar Star claim, and saw a Powder Bank blast shot off - a big hist of dirt.

Friday night we had a cold snow storm, and Saturday morning residents found much damage done to fruit and shade trees, also growing crops &c.

Yesterday and today I was out on the telegraph lines repairing damages of the storm - Cold weather

" 25 - Monday and Tuesday I went west to Colfax repairing telegraph wires for the W. U. Co. -

Monday night Swensson & Chadwicks store was burglarized, and the their safe busted into - Gold Watch and chain, and $60 - coin stolen - and Tuesday night the express office at Gold Run was burglarized, but the burglars did not get into the safe, or find much to steal - Yesterday and today I worked at D. W. Fowles, helping move and fix up &c

Tuesday night 22nd we had a light cold rain storm, but since then, weather has been fine. -

Bantum pullet got chickens

June 19 - Sunday, and very hot all the past week Montgomery Queens Circus here today, crowded - I don't go but watch in the diggins - Rest of family goes, of course - Eve had measles - For any further items, see paper, the Dutch Flat Forum - Bird Tom was here! -

June 7th. I paid A Hemphillon
account of the Old sore, the
J. L. Screpture debt $270 50
June 17 On Odd Fellows debt, 105 00
" 23 Cool last few days, but getting
hot again today, it being the
longest day of the year, —
Today I went to Secret Town
wood shed and repaired telegraph,
making three trips this month
thus far, — Willie sick, teething
Mrs. Dr. Martin called this
evening — New writing teacher in
town, also numerous pedlers and
agents, as well as thieves, and
Mr. Eddys, and one other house
was robbed the night of the Circus
Busy most of the time repairing
and keeping water-works in order,
July 1 Weather was very hot and dry during
the last of June and the first few
days of July, but it changed cool on
the 6th and the 7th we had a nice rain
which laid the dust = We celebrated the
centennial anniversary of our
national independance here by an
appropriate procession consisting of Band
of Music — Red Men — Good Templers, Odd
Fellows — Car of Liberty &c &c, and
Oration by A. E. Benton Past Master
of Oakland — Fire works and ball
in the evening — a full account of
which will be found in the Dutch Flat
Forum of the 8th inst. —
L. P. Stelzer claimes my spring
in his lot above China Town, the
old Slaughter house lot, and today
I found the water turned out, as
he told me he would do it.

from 18 — from Sonora Quicksilver and from Sacramento Bee
Received and was here and go to Sacramento
Received taking care of Sacramento

a stranger named Hays died at the Dutch Flat Hotel today — Last week the infant child
Died of J. W. Bear died also child of Emersons and joint funeral at the M. E. Church

Sat my whiskers shaved all off on the 4th for a new start, and I got my photo taken this P. M. — This A. M. went with Carr and took mining views for Cedar Creek Co. —

Had a spell of Diarrea after the 4th — we were all there! —

Since last entry I have been several times to Colfax and back repairing Telegraph wires —

Charlie & Eva agoing to writing School — Wild heifer in town Oh, Christ! what a nasty house, and last week the bed bugs nearly drove us out of the house, yet wife will not do any thing to get shed of them, but put the beds out doors, and sleep on the Lounge, but today I give one bed a good scald, when she was out on a gossip walk, also washed up the dirty dishes &c. etc. — Gallery closed. —

July 15 Hot weather very. — The great Centennial year this! — of late we have had numerous shows, Book and other agents, and patent medicine men till most every body wants a rest! —

" 22 Nice weather, Cloudy and nice Last night visited Masonic Lodge at Gold Run — Today Sylvester Pittman
Died died, or was killed on the R. R. track near Tamarack — Funeral here 24th a mysterious case. See newspapers —

Plenty of ripe fruit and vegetables now growing in town — Yesterday Charlie went up to Cryttle Lake to fish and recreate &c.

July 30th hot hot weather again —
Charlie still at Crystle Lake
with Jo Ashburn — we went to see
the Peak family concert. — and it was
dear for the money — I subscribed
for the Great Centennial paper —
Heelped put in new water pipe
for Gardner — Kittens and baby
are getting big.
Since the Dutch Flat Forum
news paper started I dont feel so much
like making notes, as I find every thing
worth recording in the paper — So I
guess I wont try to note down items
only that concern myself and family
hereafter — Well wife is sick, grunty,
cross &c. but takes a walk and visits
above town most every day and some
nights also — Eva is a nasty as
usual, and today she is dressed up
nice, but her room looks like a hogs
nest, the bed is wet and stinks of cats —
mother dont care — so let her rip!
Law hey gone two days — and I
must go for her now — We got a
cage made for Polly — cost $5,00
School vacation till Sept.

Aug 6 Weather hot and dry as usual this
time of the year — nothing now worth noting
" 13 Ditto, as above for last week — To day
folks went pick pickin, and hunting sarks
me and baby stay at home — Thursday last
walked to Cape horn and back to repair
telegraph, which used me up badly —
Last saturday the 4th Mrs. Eva
and Ella Jeffries went to crystle
Lake and stayed all night. Charlie
came home with them much against
his will — luckly for him I say.
He's a fool if he dont run off so an

Aug. 27th Weather fine and clear as usual but dry and dusty in the roads.

My wife took in Mrs. Ellen Doan, a grass widow, or rather a widow out to grass, with her ten year old illegitimate Boy - all without saying as much as by your leave to me, which I think is damd. cool and presumptious in my wife, for she knows I do not like her kind of cattle, besides I have all the family of my own that I feel able to support and pay my honest debts, and be honest yet.

My wife also contracted for, and had a new Sewing Machine brought in to the house for me to pay for ($85.00) without asking my permission, or even giving me notice that it was coming. This is marring life to a poor dam fool like me.

Charlie and Eva, being entirely under the mothers controll are growing up in filth, ignorance, idleness, and crime, as I told her a year ago, and it is no better with them now.

Dance at the Rink last night.

China town seem to be getting ready to have their annual religious demonstrations.

Wrote letters today and made up a package to send to my sister in New York by N. Phillips, going tomorrow.

Killed Isaac Hedwisk was killed in mines at Liberty hill last week, buried here by I.O.O.F. for Minerva Lodge at Taddsville

September –

The month has passed without my making an entry. – The weather has been delightfull during the month, with several little showers of rain – most of the Hydraulic mines stawed pipin during the month – water being scarce – I was out west on the telegraph to Secret town fill making repairs – six times –
Mrs. Doan has been at our house all the month, and no indications of her leaving yet.
Died Mrs. Thomas of Little York and was buried here – for further news see news papers of the day.

Oct. 15 Nice weather – cool cloudy &c.
The 1st inst. W. D. Starr wife's brother came up from San Francisco and is staying with us – and working at his trade – Carpentering –
The 2nd inst. I went on lightning train to San Francisco, and to Oakland as a Deligate to the Grand Lodge of Good Templers, where I staid till the 5th. hang a good time, and meeting many old acquaintances – some from the Eastern States. – then two days in San Fran. visiting, shopping, sight seeing &c. and home on the 8th.
Today went to sunday school with Willie

" 31 – Mrs. Doan still with us. – Had a nice rain last week, which raised the rivers a little, and made the roads nice for teamsters. – Weather delightfull. – Carpenters all very busy.

Nov. 8th Yesterday was Presidential election, and the returns thus far show a very close vote - For. Tilden Dem and Hayes. Rep. - This precinct went 151 Republican to 78 Democratic - and the county Rep. majority of about 400. and the State by 8000 -
I have been again put in N.G. of the Good Templers Lodge. -

Nov. 12 - Very fine weather, and every body seems busy preparing for winter -
Last three days I was away on a hunting trip to Texas Diggins, - my old mining places - and I got a little small game, and one little deer, which was nice eating - I found some of the same old miners of years past still mining there, - but the country is now mushed tore up and changed by saw mills and shake makers &c, and game is much less than 10. years ago. -
Election still undecided, but both parties

Dec claim victory, it now appears to depend on returns from Florida -
Yesterday child of L. Second was buried -
All the animals - cattle &c about this ranch are in good health and eat their regular hash and oats etc
Settled garden "Sass" - and wife is having new hot house constructed on south porch, for greens &c. -
I bought the old Slaughter house last alone China town, of L. P. Stblair for $200, to quiet water title, - Deed to be given Jan. 2nd 1877 - Water logs hustle on main st. must fix tomorrow -
Wrote several letters today. -

Dec 9 At 11 - P.M. yesterday Mrs. Daan gave birth to a girl baby, a 12 pounder, at our house - both doing well.

Dutch Flat Cal. Dec — 18 76

10th We have an Amature Dramatic association here now - I am one of them. We played at Good Templars Hall, "Diamond cut Diamond" and "Paddy Miles Boy" and will next play "My Turn Next" - and we have also in rehearsal "Flys in a web" and "Irish assurance".

Weather still fair, pleasent and dry for Dec, - I bought the old slaughter house lot above china town for $200 - and had to borrow at 1% per month interest $100 - of W. & P. Nichols, to make it, and I sold the south part to W. D. Starr - 74 feet front, for $100 - after it was fenced, giving him time to pay for it, and he is building a house on it.

A Dombly is building on next lot south, by reservoir. — Yesterday I went to Colfax with others, and attended Siloam Chapter R. A. M. - we had a big meeting and supper, came home on lightning express night train - got hilly sick today, of course! -

J. M. Jacobs is now running the Photograph gallery. — Last spring chickens are now laying - - Taylor, the Wizzard showed here to good houses, four nights — —

The Band of hope gave an exibition at I. O. G. T. hall last week — Many calls for charity and the preachers lately — — I read with horror of the Brooklyn Theater calamity, and with disgust the political situation

Mch 2nd 1877

Hayes, and Wheeler declaired elected President and vice President by the the congressional commission - by 8 to 7 — Hurrah! Hurrah!

Jan. 1 1877 Helped Starr some on house, and he helped me build house on the lower lot near Nichols' china lot - Start boards with us - He also helps me on the water works when I need him

April 1st 1877 —

Been very mild winter, more so than I have ever seen in the state before — Also very unimportant in local items of interest — During the winter there have been the usual recreations in town — The Amateur Dramatics have had several performances, but are in statu quo just now.

A Perry married Paulinia Hise about a month ago — W. D. Starr married Maggy Trathen about Feb. 1st — and has built a new house on old St Clair Slaughter house lot, on which I have a mortgage for $350.00 — There has been considerable sickness in town of late especially among the children — Mrs. Taylor of Atta died — J. H. Abels boy died, aged 9 — I have been on Telegraph repairs since Jan. 12th but am discharged now — I am making improvements in waterworks

Been once to auburn 4 days on jury — Jan 12th was very windy day —

Only had one hard storm during the winter. —

Mining claims are well supplied with water now.

Vegitation is well advanced Crops — The northern part of the state is doing well, but the southern part is nearly a failure this season only where irrigation is done.

Our cow had a calf two days ago and old cat has supplied us with another litter of kits!

Past last two nights, nipping peach buds, and indicating more rain soon —

J. T. Coffin

May 20th — Since Apr 1st weather has been good for vegitation & and mining, but no heavy rains. Lower part of the state very dry & crops a partial failure —

The 4th inst I went to San Fran and stayed a week, attending the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. —

Wife and baby was sick in April — Skating Rink running again for young folks.

Died — About Apr 20th Wm. Nicholls died, aged 58 — Buried by Masons

Mar — Last week — Mr. Shinn of Truckee and Miss Mary Rose, of Yan Bet was married, and also J. B. Frick of Lowell Hill, and Miss C. Stevens of Auburn. —

Wife has got religious and joined the M. E. Church on probation. She also joined the Good Templars again last night — I hope it will make a better woman of her —

Last week rec'd letter from N. H. announcing death of Aunt Polly Dame, my fathers sister, and my nearest blood relative, except my sister in New York — She was a good woman & leaves a large family to mourn —

" 28 Commenced raining at 8 o'clock A. M. and rained all day.

" 29 Noon — still raining. At 6 o'clock A. M. 1 and 67/100 inches had fallen.

Died — Yesterday died — Samuel Dunnick infant of Frank & Helen Smith.

M. S. Gardner left for Southern part the State this morning.

June 27th Big rain — cold

Good Templars Festival.

" 24 Left house, and went to board at Hotel wife tearing house and bain to pieces.

26 Rebekah meeting. Olive Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 81

July 5 Celebration of Independence passed off finely, weather being cloudy and cool — I took prize as the Prodigals son, in the Calythumpians — I also engineered the Fire works in the evening.

" 15 Slight shower this morning

19 — Hot weather again — Charley gone to Chipstal Lake with Bob Jeffries

July 7th I went to Ophir as delegate to Good Templar Dist Lodge. Also visited Adelphi chapter R.A.M. at Auburn same evening — I was mad with wife and stayed away from nearly a week, until she sent for me, she being sick abed. — she is better now

A blast of 12000 lbs Judson Powder was exploded in the Baker mine last week, doing immense injurious

Sept 9 China Town burned today there being a high wind. It raged beyond Coutlale. House of Mr. Nicholas also burned — there were about 40 China houses and shanties burned — wiping them all out, except a few fire proof cellars and their Josh house on the Hill — I lost $100 — worth of water pipes and $25.00 per month income from Water-works. "Such is life"!

Dutch Flat. Cal. Sept. 27th 18

Our daughter, Mary Ena Coffin died at 9½ A.M. today, aged 13 years and 2 months, She was unwell for some time, and the change from girl to womanhood was working on her - she took cold, which caused membranous croup which carried her off in 5 days.

Oct. 8 Today went to San Francisco to attend Masonic Grand Lodge.

" 12 Slight shower, first rain of the season

" 14 Returned home, having had a very good time -

" 16 Wife being unwell, peevish - discontented, cross, useless, and ugly, I gave her $40 - and she left for a visit to Sacramento, Napa, and San Francisco, therefore quietness once more reigns on the Potomac

" 21 McGibney family gave pleasing musical concerts here last 2 nights and all free one tonight -

Today rainy & thunder and lightening showers.

" 22 Went to Eidro, and repaired telegraph line to Fordyce Valley dam. Passed over some snow - McGibney Family went to Em. Gap on same trip. 11 of 'em. Returned home 24th and found wife home and Mrs Doan gone.

Weather very unsettled -

" 28 McClure gone to San Fran. again. am tending office for him -

Very cold and windy day.

Visited Enas grave with wife & Willie and up to Manleys & Mrs Stacers.

97 Nov. 2nd Raining today -
Cleaned & put up parlor stove.
Nov. 8 commenced to build a new house on old Slaughter house lot. 12 by 20 - two story. porch on two sides - and shed roof addition on one end = W. D. Starr boss carpenter. Cloudy
" 12 another rainy day, got main body of house roofed in, and floors laid
" 14 Raining again - tending express. Mr. Gore to Auburn as witness in Booth case = Wife complaining various pains and aches &c. etc.
" 20 - weather various - Got lot plowed and sowed with wheat - Wife still got the jim jams. - another one of my birth days oh my how old time flies = 45 - today - 3 years older than my father was when he died - now I believe I am exempt from draft for military duty in case of war. wish I was not.
" 22 Cloudy and strong indications of a storm - I am much disapointed & hurt by a certain woman - in part by two or three women.
Tending Express office - 3 days
Dec. 14 Mrs. W. D. Starr had boy baby. weather changable, but dry for Dec - minus idle
" 16 Hose company had pictures taken Stereoscopic, in the street.
" 23 Snow storm cold - disagreable -
" 25 Christmas day - Christmas tree in theater last night - I took part in a pantomime - "When the cat is away, the mice will play". - Today went hunting on Moody Bldg - Shot a stray sheep and brought home - very tired.

1877

Dec 27 Weather, nearly clear but cold and disagreable—

" McClure gone to Auburn on masonic business, and I am tending his office—Scarcely any water for mining yet.—Wrote numerous letters to Eastern relatives.

Wife changing interior of house again = such is woman—never satisfied.

1878 Jan 1— New years Ball tonight by the D.F. Brass Band—weather clear and cold.

" 8 — 3 hours hard rain last night cleared off cold again

" 13— C.M. Kapps—Barn burned last night. supposed to be done by Chesk-thieves (Chinese)

Master Frank Martin died last night, aged about 10 years.

Weather clear and pleasent.

Got bad cold, wife also unwell.

" 29 Pleasent today, but been raining most every day during the last two weeks, with strong Southerly winds, and usual ship wrecks reported on the coast.

Today Mr. L. J. Brown was buried by the order of Caucassions—He was killed by falling off a bridge above town, Sunday night, which was very dark and stormy = broke his neck—Lawyer, aged about 40 years.

J. A. Painter died the 23rd aged 40 years—Hemorrhage of lungs.—Odd Fellow—taken to Auburn.

" 31 Stormy, but having any Telegraph repairing this winter I take it easy.

Mch. 1st Feb. has been a very stormy month, and the valleys have been flooded worse than ever known before much damage done in Sacramento valley and the sloands of the river. The town of Washington opposite Sac. city nearly all wash away — The people here hired a special car on the C. P. R. R. and 60 went down to see the high water my wife, Charlie and baby went.
March came in stormy, like a Lyon

Mch 8 — Clear and pleasent, but very cold last night — indicating more storm, my wife is very pettish and cross, which makes me and the family miserable.
Having much leasure time this winter, I write many letters to relatives & friends — I make read papers &c etc.
Proposition on foot to change the name of Dutch Flat, to something else.

Apr. 1 All fools day, and I was one of them, always poor and in debt, and house being run into the ground
Stormy most all of March

May 1 April was a good month with a variety of weather, first part wet, last part cold & dry —
Summer ordinary season, but state above average on crops &c.
Family was two months at Crystal Lake — wife & baby was one month at Sacramento, where baby took sick with intermitant fever, and is sick yet

Dec 11 Light winter rains so far, but not sufficient to fill ditches.
Last night and to day windy and cold — This morning Dr. Talbors house caught fire — slight damage —
Today I bought my first pair of glasses.

# Dutch Flat, Placer Co. Cal. 1879

Jan 1 New Year came in cold and dry, Christmas passed as usual, and I was Santa Claus, at the town tree and festivities, —

" 10 — Had cold dry snow storm, and best sleighing now I have seen here during my 20 years residence.

" 26 First heavy rain of the season commenced on the 22nd and mines have water to mine with now after patiently waiting a long time for it; but it has turned colder and is now showing again about one foot snow on the ground here now — Bean, or draw poker is the most popular pastime just now, and I am in with them.

Bot. W. L. Stars horse $56.- and wife and children moved into it Feb. 2nd

Mch 10 Been stormy for the past 8 days snow and rain, north coast counties flooded, and all counties north of here.

Died Judge L. B. Arnold died suddenly this morning, (Internal diseas)

I been tending oft for McClure last 7 days, he being below.

A. W. Munson and wife are visiting at our house, or wifes house rather

Apr 12 Mrs J. H. Lakamp died on 10th and was buried today — On the 11th inst. I went to Summit Valley and pasted a notice for E. L. McClure.

" 14 Stormy weather most of the time during March and to date in April.

May 1 No May flowers visible. Cold weather, — I am living alone in the old house; Dam such a life! I say "Wife and I are out." we never did get along well together, and I shall always be poor with her on my hands.

May 31st bad weather all the month, and plenty of rain for vegetation & ~~also for~~ mining.

From 12th to 19th I was away to Sacramento and San Francisco, and attended the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment I.O.O.F., and had a tolerable good time, but got a bad cold.

Believing my wife cares nothing for me, or Willie, only for her support, I have taken him away from her, and I have rented the old house to two Ladies, and they board me and Willie for the rent, and we get along pretty well thus far — Wife say I may get a divorce, and I intend to do it as I will never live with her again, (she dissembles)

June 4th Today, by advice of my wife, I rented a part of the old house to Mrs. Deering, & her friend a woman of questional character, in consideration that she boards me and Willie in lieu of rent — My wifes motive in advising me to rent to this woman of bad repute, was because it would give her a cause of action in a divorce case against me &c etc, and the principal reasons why I done so, was 1st financial reason as I would get equivalent to $30 — per mont rent for a part of the house, and have more of a home for Willie temporarily of cours, until I am able to make better and more satisfactory domestic arrangements &c. and 2nd believing my wife is untrue to me, and will play me all she can, I wish to throw her off her guard in hope, that by so doing I may be enabled to turn the tables on her, and by keeping a sharp watch on her, get positive evidence of adultery against her, which I believe is the part

Dutch Flat, Placer county California
June 11th 1879 - On the night of the 9th inst. I went to the house where my wife lives, and eves draped, and was positive that she went to bed with Geo. W. May, the drunken libertine that she took to board against my advise and consent, and on the next night I went and reconnaitered the house again, Mr. Geo. H. Davidson going along with me, and about 11 o'clock, I suddenly burst in the doors to her bed-room, and supprised the guilty pair in bed together, and as I had no wish to injure them, we left them unmolested further and to-day I applied to my attorney Mr. J. E. Prewett, to make out a suit to the Dist. court, for a divorce for me, on the plea of adultery by my wife-

July 1 - Out of charity for my poor weak half crazy wife, I allowed to continue living with her paramore until now, and him continuing work at the Photo Gallery, ~~when~~ and I have bought her goods, and gave her money to leave on equivalent to $200 - besides paying all her household expenses to date, -

July 5 - Wife and Mr May went to San Fran together on the 2nd - and I dont care to ever see them again - May went away owing me over $100 - for Photo. stock and rent of Gallery; but I feel relieved some now they are gone, and now I must rid my house of the other objectionable tenants, as my friends and the orders that I belong to are making a great howle, because I am supposed to be keeping a house of ill fame, or prostitution, and I am in disgrace more than I deserve, or can stand, and I am determined to make a change

1879- The 4th was celebrated here in a very mild manner- J. E. Prewett being the Orator- The Bank toated &c. and a Ball in the evening- I did not participate.

July 10 I have got rid of my bad tenants by paying Mrs. Deering $60- for furniture &c that she could not well carry off, and the Chinaman, her cook stole my Pistol warth $12- and I have entered complaint against, but he has left town, yet the papers for arrest are in Constables hands for him when he returns etc-

Me and Willie live alone together, and Charlie lives alone in the other house, and I pay his bills.

I find my wife told many scandalous lies about me, the day before she left town, and I retain some Photograph stock and instruments I promised to send her, until she takes back, or eats some of her talk,— She and May are at Healdsburg, Sonoma Co- Cal. where they pass as man and wife, and together trying to run a Photo. Gallery, but she having been sick, wants me to send her money, more money- not much!

My divorce suit is set for Aug. 23d at Auburn, the County Seat.

Aug 20 - The 13th my wife returned here to force me to let her have the things I was to send her, and more money to return with- and we had a tounge fight, and she wilted and signed papers denying the truth of her own talk in town about me, and I let her have money and the thing, and we (Willie) all went to San Fran. the next day, with the excursion Car, where my wife staid and took care of Willie, three days while I done shopping and other business etc- I paying

1879

Friday, the 17th my wife left San Fran- for Freeldsburg and me and Willie spend the balance of the excursion week in going to the Circus, Mechanics Fair, the Theaters, the Wharfes, shipping, to Oakland &c. and we run to a fire! and had a general good time, and returned home the 20th = By the way, before going below I rented my home house to R. L. Branin & family and he also rents the Photo, Gallery, and I and Willie board with them, and we will get along like grease,

Sept. 1st On account of the election the Dist. Judge adjourned court, and all cases gone over to next term (november) weather very hot and dry, and I impatient,

" 20 Tending Express and Telegraph office today for McClure while he hunts some quail, — The 18th a special car load went to San Fran. to be present at the reception of Gen. U. S. Grant, and this P.M. the Telegraph reports the Steamship Tokia, from China & Japan, were signaled, with Grant on board, entering San Fran. Bay, Great preparation made for a grand welcome reception &c etc

Oct 22 Had one light rain storm Oct. 4th This morning two car loads went from here to Sacramento, to the Grant reception, and eleven other cars from different places on the railroad between Truckee and Sac. and beautiful weather for the festivities,

Oct. 18th Branin and family moved out to my other house, the Star place and me and Willie are now living alone, and I have advertised for a housekeeper

Am tending express the last 10 days for E. L. McClure, he being below to the Masonic Grand Lodge, Grant reception &c

Been sick some lately.

Nov. Early rains and cold weather; and ditches full of water for the miners. – Living alone with Willie and the animals. – Sent wife $10 – charity.

Dec On the first, I went to Auburn with my evidence, and suit for a divorce was granted, no apposition given by the defence.

Divorce

Cold stormy month, with snow; the coldest I ever saw here, and much injury was done to the water works by the frost. – On christmas, I acted the part of Santa Claus, at the M. E. church. There a true but no Santa Claus at the Union Church – Merry christmas!

Jan. 1880

Still stormy and cold, snow and ice. On new years day Mrs Laugh died. The family was living in one of my houses; and the family is now broken up, the girls gone to Oakland to live with a married brother – The old man was owing me $7½ – rent, and I took what old trash left in the house and paid him $35 – cash; and letting him stay one more night, he stole, and sold all he could, and then left town. The old thief!

On the 5th I rented the house for $15 – per month, by putting in more furniture and making repairs, and improvements, to Miss Lizzie Nuttall, and another lady from Nevada – On the first I published a card in the "Forum" about the water work, for the benefit of grumblers. This month me and Willie eat supper at Mrs Snyders boarding house.

On new years day, C. M. Kapp, took charge of the Placer hotel, and gave a public dinner, to all comers

1880

Jan On the 3rd I went to Calfax and attended Siloam Chapter No 37 - R. A. M. and Charlie stayed with Willie. - He is living with his uncle W. D. Starr, at the Alta Switch, and works in a Box factory there = Me and Willie still alone as usual, and when I go to any Lodges, I leave him with Mrs. Trather

During the stormy weather I have wrote numerous letters, to relatives and friends, wise, and otherwise; Satisfactory and unsatisfactory, -

I lost a nice young heifer in the woods somewhere, and think she was stolen - The fourth one I have tried to raise, and lost them all. I have invested $15 - in another one, and will try again for a cow.

" 9 Snowing and blowing a gale.

" 28 Weather continues cold, just had another snow storm, tolerable sleighing

Friday morning, the 15th my divorced wife came here on the night, Said she was crazy to see me and the boys again and was very unhappy, and never expected to be happy again away from us. She was sick, - I bough her some rubber overshoes and a wool shawl. She went to her sisters to sleep and came to my house every day to eat and he where she could be with Willie - Charlie came down several times from the Mill to see his Mother, also W. Starr her brother, She left again yesterday for Healdsburg, back to the man she calls her husband - J. W. May. I gave her $15 - to go with.

Wife again

The town is now agitated over the condition of the waterworks, caused by a card from me published in the Forum and there will be an adjourned meeting held, tomorrow ~~tonight~~ about it.

Jan 29 Pleasent but cold weather.

Feb. 10 Raining again, after several weeks of clear, but cool weather.

Died On Jan 31st infant boy child of Wm Schillinsky died,

On ~~monday~~ Saturday evening, the 7th Bernard Swift died at the D. F. hotel of consumption. Age about 36 years. and was buried by Oline Lodge no 81 I. O. O. F. of which Lodge he was a member.

On sunday evening, the 8th Charles Back, died very suddenly, after going to bed in apparent good health of aneurism of the heart - Aged 34 years. He leaves a wife and three small children, without means.

Several sick persons about town with a mild sort of Pneumonia.

R. L. Bran in the Photographer has broke up and is about to leave for Dixon Cal.

" 29 Weather pleasent after stormy weather most of the past month - some snow on the ground yet - On the 18th I went to Auburn as a juryman in Superior Court, came home 23d and attended Firemans Ball and back to court again, and home again 27th - Charlie staying with Willie while I was away - Today I wrote to sister in N. Y. - Mrs. A. Wildt Philadelphia, and to cousin L. L. Carney, Tufton boro N. H. also to H. H & Co. Sacramento.

Mch 7 Pleasent, after another snow storm, streets muddy & slashy, attended Sunday School. I got two new Fire Hydrents from Sacramento. The ladies have arranged to have a Leap year Ball on the 26th – Received another letter from my ex wife last week, and she low down near the bedrock.

" 14 Clear and cold weather, but we had another snow storm last week, a little one. – I am sick today with a derangement of the bowels, and I am feeling very bad and weak.

Last week I put in two more new Fire hydrents, and made some other repairs in main water pipes

Married, 10th – J. C. McDonell and Miss Kate Tillotson

Born 7 – Mrs. A. A. Ferguson a daughter

Will

Dutch Flat Placer Co. Cal. Mch 13th 1880

I desire at death, that my body shall be taken charge of and buried by the Masonic order, and I give and bequeath my property to my well beloved son, Willie C. Coffin, who was six years old Feb. 4th 1880 – and I appoint Bro. E. M. Thomas executor of this will, (without bonds) and also to act as guardian of the boy.

Isaac T. Coffin.

Mch 21 Very pleasant weather last week, and snow all gone from the sunny sides – Mrs Brown and children will leave for French Camp tomorrow. Brown will stay a while with his portable Gallery which he has built and has opened.

Got vacant house to let nat.

Apr 1 All fools day, and many of them visable about here, and the greatest was chinamen picking up counterfit coins, maid of tinfoil, and other things nailed to the sidewalks.- Rain

" 2 Bigest rain storm of the season, after a cold snap.

Mch 29th was the great leap year Ball, and a gay time it was, me and Willie was there of course.

Today I made the last and final payment on the old Cosmopolitan Art Gallery of San Francisco, ($12.00) making over $4000.- I have had to pay for the endorsment I made for W. C. Scripture over 12 years ago- "A burned child is afraid of fire," it is said- My prayer is "Lord lead me not into temptation, and save me from my friends." Amen!

Today Charlie Caffin has gone to Blue Canon to work for the R. R. Co.

Mch 30 Stark house robbed by burglars, loss about $75 and I have offered a reward of $100- to catch them or

" 10 Today Masonic trial, N. Martin vs E. L. McClure, for unmasonic conduct.

Tolerable nice weather of late.

" 16 Severe cold snow storm, and over a foot of snow fell last night.

C. A. Hilton and family rented and moved into the Stark house on the 10th at $9- per month.

Today there a fight between E. L. McClure and Ed Mallows, nobody hurt.

I helped print the "Farmer", I done the rolling, or inking.

" 19 Still storming, snow and rain.

Died Jake Schillinsky died today ~~last~~ thursday. the 15th Mr McClure and Ed Mallows had a fight

20 Storm- Rec'd letter from my divorced wife

1880

Apr 25 Pleasant weather once more after a very stormy winter. The flies and birds of spring have come again.
Raidroad and tilegraph are again clear after being blocked four days.
Yesterday I repaired telephone line to Yuba Reservoir, alone Alta in the snow. Yuba ditch is still busted, but men are working on it, and water is expected here tonight.
I got another letter from Mrs May my wife that was, and she wants to come back to Dutch Flat again, so I shall not be suprised to see her here again at most any time.
The publik school has closed for want of cash to pay teachers, but the teachers will open private school for a while — Jo Garrett died last tuesday the 21st, and was taken to San Francisco for burial.

Died

May 2 Beautiful weather all last week, but little cloudy today. Vegitation is doing nicely, and it will probably be a good fruit year.
Yesterday I got another letter from my wife that was, which I will answer today — Jest been to Sunday School with Willie — Last night we went to the Good Templers Social and publik Installation — I had a hired man last week.

" 8 Nice weather, but slight rain last night. Last week Mr Hopsinger worked 5 days for me on the water works.
Mrs Stephens, a Spiritualist has been holding forth here last week.

1880

May 8 Lushman the vocalist and humorist was here last week and gave a nice concert at the Theater, - Me and Willie was there and enjoyed it.

Thursday night last Mrs. S. W. May came here from Healdsburg and is now living with me and Willie -

Big Chinese funeral yesterday

Today I wrote a letter to my sister Mrs E. G. Jewell No 280 sixth avenue New York,

" 20 Variable weather, Mrs May came here again last week from Healdsburg and is keeping house for me and Willie, but goes to her sisters to sleep, to prevent scandle, gossip - I have several men working for me on my reservoirs and a team hauling rocks.

" 30 Windy day - The twenty second was also a very windy day no rain since the 20th. Tuesday last Mrs May went to Sacramento to see her husband, but came back again thursday the 20th and has been here since that time, in delicate health - The 27th I commenced sprinkling main street as usual every summer,

Busy making garden, repairing water pipes &c, - - I got through repairing reservoirs monday the 24th at a cost of about $100, - Last night Olive Lodge No. 81 I. O. O. F. held a Rebekah meeting and strawberry Festival, which was interesting - Mrs. Cooke, Keys, Faller and Runkel receiving the Degree,

Friday the 28th infant son of E. C. Uren died aged 4 months

Wednesday the 26th funeral of a man died at the hotel -

Traveling shows, minstrals &c

1880

June 13 Sunday, fine weather. We had 2 fine thunder showers the 10th & 11th Light rain about the well. I forgot Yesterday the 12th Mrs May went away to her husband at Oroville, in Butte Co. Cal. - I gave her in goods and cast about $20 for what she had done for me while here.

Today Charley, her son, came down from Cisco to see her, and he will return tonight.

Today I got a letter from Mrs. Agnes Wildt of Rockford Ill, formerly of San Francisco.

Today I attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Kablin, widow aged about 60 years - The body will be taken to Sacramento for interment. -- The new wall of my main reservoir has partially fallen in - A bad job!

The Dutch Flat Forum, news paper has again changed owners, and place of business office. - to a wheeler

" 26 Beautiful weather, and the mines all appear to be doing well.

The Nellie Boyd theatical troup have been performing here all the past week to good houses, which me & Millie attended mostly. - Lonely -

July 4 "Independence day has come, fling dang dural, fling dang dural" and a beautiful day it is here but no celebration this year except picnic tomorrow and a Ball in the evening - Celebration at Lowell Hill yesterday, and Ball last night.

1880

Died. Jacob Spear (July 1st) aged 62 - native of Vt. — Encampment Installation and Social July 2nd evening, good time

Photographic Tent came to town yesterday, and opened out on gems & tintypes.

Aug 1 Weather very warm and dry, but the ditches continue to rush a good amount of water for the mines

On Saturday, July 10th I walked to Iowa Hill, and visited Placer Lodge I. O. O. F. and assisted to install the Officers, closed at midnight, and next two days I walked home, with a cow, for C. A. Hilton, via Colfax, making me very tired & dirty, and sore, no good!

Sunday, July 25th I was out all the hot day, repairing the Chalk Bluff Telephone line, and the hill and tree climbing entirely used me up, - knocked me up -)

On Sunday, July 18th I started at 3 o'clock, for San Jose, with C. M. Kapp, S. E. Swenson, J. B. Harriman W. H. Hillhouse, and several ladies to attend the funeral of Bro.

Died O. L. Bradly (on Monday the 19th) a member of our Clay Lodge, no 101 - F. & A. M. — I arrived at San Francisco, at noon, got dinner took salt water bath, hot, and visited Woodwards Gardens, met H. H. Halsey, and others, Lodge at Russ House, - next morning to S. P. R. R. and arrived at San Jose at noon, and with San Jose Lodge F. & A. M. attended the

Bratover 1880

Aug 1 Funeral of Bro. Bradly, in full regalia, - San Jose commandery F. & A. M. did escort duty, accompanied by a Brass Band. Rev. J. E. Benton of Oakland preached the funeral sermon. It was a large, solemn and impressive funeral. - In the evening visited the family of deceased, and afterwards the San Jose German Lodge I. O. O. F. and then initiate a candidate. - -
Next morning returned to S. F. and Oakland, and visitied friends. Next day, July 21st returned to S. F. and in evening visited Bush street theater and saw the Comic opera a "Mdm Favart". Good but funny. On 22nd went to Oakland and attended the funeral of Cal. Fullows, and at 5. P. M. took night train for home, and arrived at 1 - A. M. the 23d - well satisfied with the trip, but tired and sleepy.

Aug 5 - On the 1st Mrs S. W. May came to visit us again - no it was July 25th when she came, from Oroville and she returned home yesterday more crazy then ever - I hope she wont come again. - Charlie works at Tauls, at $15 - per month and I board him.

" 8 Last night a dance, and primary lectures, both democrats and Republicans. - - The political pot will soon begin to boil.
A. J. Drynan and wife were serenaded on their arrival friday night. - 6th I had a muss with Beck and shut his water off.

August. 1880

I have plenty of work on the water pipes
" 15 Heat, dry, and dusty, but water in the ditches holds out good this year.
Three funerals today, Mr C. Bilto, Mr. Wm Masters of Little York and a chinaman, and some chinees taken up for removal to china.
Friday night the 13th Mr. L Jacobs and Miss Sarah Nicholas were married, and serenaded by the boys.
Yesterday I sent order for water pipes to H. H. & Co. Sac. for Trumbly and Mrs Frank to take water.
" 22 Sunday, hot and dry weather of late.
Last night the Ladies benevolent society held a lawn party at the Bradly grounds, consisting of games, fortune telling, lemonade, Museum, grab bag, Express office, candy stand, ice cream, dancing &c etc, nice time, Receipts $140.00
Last week I worked hard and laid down over 300 feet of new water pipes to Mr Trumblys, and to Mrs Franks'
Sept 1 Cooler weather — The "Cole Circus" was here Aug. 27th and a great bilk it was as usual — I have worked hard during the hot weather and now I am sick and somewhat broken up, or used up, and I now mean to rest a while, and go slow
On the morning of Aug. 28th Kapp, hotel team ran against fire plug No. 6 and broke it off, and flooded main street, (it being at 3 a m) before I could get out and shut the water off above — I put in new plug at my own
Died expense, of course — Aug 25th infant son of Iverson, was drowned in ditch at B. C.

1880

Sept 12 Pleasent dry weather - Hydraulic mining stoped for the season here.

Died On the 7th Simon Kenney, aged 57 - Irish

Born About the 2nd near Alta, (switch) to W. D. Starr and wife a daughter.

Lost Last week a new pocket knife, and today I lost my collar stud value $3 -

I bought an alarm clock for Charley

Closed The union sunday school, for the want of a superintendent - Today I visited the Methodist sunday school with Willie a Mrs L. D. Boynton, with dressmakers signaut has been living in the Bradley house opposite, for over a week, and yesterday I took her a job to make Willie some Aprons, as much to make her acquaintance as any thing - She said it was the first work come to her while here; she has two small children, girls, and I suppose her to be a widow - Judge Brown of Yan Bet is visiting her today, and I fear he is too intimate with her ?!!!

I have not been very well of late, think I have worked too hard during the hot spell and got over heated &c

" 14 Got cow and young calf home today - paid boy $1,50 for getting them

" " Funeral of Edmund Bawen, aged 65 of Lowell Hill, by Odd Fellows, I acted as Marshall.

" 26 Clear pleasent, dry and dusty roads, no rain yet, - Charlie is going to school and is janitor of the school house, at $10 - per month.

Many folks gone below to the State Fair, Arthers Carnival, Monterey baths - Springs &c.

1880

Oct. 3 Sunday pleasant, and very warm for Oct. no rain yet.— went to the M. E. church to see the new preacher, the Rev. Mr.

Thursday night, the 30th of sept. Mrs. S. W. May arrived here from Oroville, being very sick with valley fever.

Yesterday I worked at A. Fowles on water pipes in the new part of the house,—where he has all the late improvements for convenience.

Sold calf to L. P. St Clair.

" 9 First rain of the season— last two night cold with frost— J. Hamilton left forth here last night for the democratic cause

" 24 Weather continues warm clear and dry and dusty.

On the 12th I went to San Francisco taking Willie and Mrs May along with me, where we went to circus, theaters and the sights of the great city generally, and attended the grand Lodge of Masons and the Grand Encmp. I. O. O. F., and me and Willie came home Thursday night, the 21st leaving Mrs May with her husband in S. F.

Nov 14 Weather still clear and dry, but nights getting cold— I. O. O. F. social wednesday night, the 9th as farewell to E. M. Thomas & wife, who are about to move to San Jose— Same in Masonic Lodge last night, till past low 12— Born to Rev. Mr. Hearris, the new M. E. church preacher, a son, on the 11th inst.

Last night A. Mitchell, wheeled J. Dysott, in a wheelbarrow from Alta to Dutch F. in payment for a bet on late election, of Garfield and Arthur—President and vice pres

1880

Nov 21st Sunday - weather still clear and pleasant dry and dusty, and cold nights.
Friday, the 19th I went to Grassvally and attended a special session of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F., having a good time, came home next day
Yesterday was my birth day.
" 23 Nice rain today, and the dust is laid
Dec 1 First day of winter, and a cold snow storm - some folks going to Colfax tonight to Miss Allens wedding (a former school teacher here -
I done some cabbling for Charlie -
" 6 Still storming, rain and snow, I was out one day fixing W.U. Telegraph wires, and one day on Lamb Bros lines, and had a hard time of it.
" 12 Sunday and beautiful weather, with the snow about all gone - last night Masonic meeting and supper in the Lodge room. - I sent more money to Mrs May to keep her alive; her husband having gone to Honolulu; Myself, Charlie and are getting along together comfortably.
Wednesday evening the 8th inst we attended the Odd Fellows dance, having a good time.
Married H. Ells and Katie Seltzer, on the 6th and the boys shivered them on their arrival home from Sacramento, Good match!
" 19 Fine warm rain all the past week, and ditches supplied with water,
School closed yesterday for term
Christmas is coming, and preparations are in active progress - The Ladies have advertised to have a leap year domino ball on New Years eve.
" 26 Beautiful sunday morning, after a long storm, and all nature seems to rejoice, with merry christmas to all. - A christmas childrens Cantata, a dance at the Theater night - Everybody and the baby there.

Christmas holliday week.

Willie has a christmas tree of his own at home, and he got several presents on the public christmas tree at the Theater, and he seems to be happy, as well as most every body in town, especially the children - Plenty of water now for mining.

Mrs May is still writing to me for more money.

Dec 31 Pleasent weather and warm.

The Domino party last night was a joyable affair and well attended.

Married the 29th Mr F McChadbourn and Miss Anna Brady. "Sich is life"

Two tramp thieves robbed several rooms at the Placer Hotel, and were caught at Gold Run, and sent to jail for six months.

And this is the last of the year, and tomorrow will be new year, but not a happy one to every body, myself included. yet I have much to be thankful for. but

"There is a crook in every lot,
A shadow on the road
Through which we journey on to reach
A happier abode".
As surely as the evening comes
To close the eyes of day,
Will grief appear, yet we should
Be happy while we may".
"We cannot say to joy "remain"
Nor unto grief "depart".
The morning and night must come
To every human heart."
"But let us make the best of life,
And if not always gay,
Or full of glee, why shouldn't we
Be merry while we may".

1881

Jan 1 "A happy new year" to every body, say I. Beautiful weather, but a little colder than of late - Yesterday I shot and killed my neighbor "walkers" dog, because he bit Willie and tore his lip open, and as he was a vicious dog and has bitten other children before, - The whole of the walker family are very indignant about it, and have declared war against me, and I expect trouble, "is his life"

" 2 Sunday and a beautiful day, - I got a letter from my sister in New York to the effect that her husband was very sick and expected to die, - I shall answer.

I have sent for some more fruit trees and rose bushes, to Stockton, as many of my trees died last year.

" 9 Another pleasent sunday and week, but the nights are getting colder and some indications of a change. -

The ditches are only about one quarter filled with water, and miners are praying for more rain.

Wednesday night last Olive Lodge no. 81 - I.O.O.F. had Installation of its officers, and a supper, Thursday night Gold Run Lodge no. 238, and Friday night Auburn Encampment, the same all of which I attended and had a sociable and good time.

Today I visited Mrs Manly and had a long gossipy talk with her, eat apples &c, being highly entertained - Last week I bought and set out 12 nectarine trees, 2 cherry trees and 2 rose bushes. -

Loaned sewing machine to Mrs Osborn and Daughter.

1881

Sunday.

Jan 16 Another nice rain storm, good for the vegitation and miners.

Last night masonic Lodge meeting Thursday night last Fire co. meeting and I was elected Hose Director; and co. desided to have a Ball on evening of Feb. 22nd in commemoration of the birth of "Washington" the Father of his country - Oh yes! he was the "BOSS"

Slight of hand show in town last week, too much storm for them

" 21 Clear, but cool and windy to day - I have got another bad cold.

Today we took measurements of water works for the purpose of making a survey map of the town with the water pipes defined on it

" 25 Election day for a co. supervisor to fill vacancy by death.

Cox case vs Barrett in justices court yesterday - jury - verdict - for plantiff $295 and cost of court &c.

Commenced raining again this P.M.

Feb 1 Stormy weather still continues, and I stay by the fire most of the time at home, when not attending necessary work about the Water works, and for a change I go up town and set by some one else's fire, read the papers, play chess, gossip &c etc.

" 6 Weather again fair, after a long and copious rain storm, which has caused considerable damage in the valleys, & in some places the water has been higher than ever known before, and the Railroads and telegraf lines have been somewhat demoralized.

Feb. 5th Mrs Mr. Lucenbow died aged 62.

1881

Feb 6th Yesterday evening I visited a lady friend (a grass widow) and I was received and entertained very cordially and in a lady like manner, I and was invited to call again, which I shall take much pleasure in doing

I attended Sunday school today with Willie, and contributed 25 cts.

I got out posters for the Firemans Ball, to be Feb. 22nd

No lack of water now for the mines or vegitation.

Mrs. Baynton, my neighbor, over the way - dressmaker - has moved away to "You Bet" in Nevada co. - said she could not make a living here - I should have been more neighborly to her!

" 13 Light storms most of the past week, but now pleasent weather

A beast show in town last week

Mr A.B. Masher from Blue Canon has moved into the Bradley house opposite, with 3 cows etc.

Charlie is sick in bed and I have ordered Dr Martin to come and see him.

" 20 Fair weather for the past 3 days

Man from S. F. in my way!

Mines all running on full time

Charlie is well again.

" 25 commenced raining again today

The Firemens Washington birth day ball was a grand success - Receipts $178,50 - Expense $145.00 and net $33,50 - to Reliance Fire Co -

" 27 clear again after a light rain, and a nice day - Yesterday I rec'd 750 feet of 2 inch pipe from San Fran. for Jamison street extention

Dutch Flat, Placer Co. Cal. Mch. 6th 1881

Nice clear weather, and vegitation begins to show green, and birds to sing

Yesterday tore out my old cellar in the hill side, and got timber to rebuild it

Wrote several letters today East to my relatives, & went to sunday School with Willie - cooked a chicken

Mch. 10 Clear and cool this morning, after a two days snow storm - I am rebuilding my cellar in the hillside, and making it two story this time - All well! -

" " Cold and stormey again, Snow. Mrs. E. M. Franks went away yesterday, and it seems as though the town looks different now.

The Panorama of Ireland done well here, Willie was pleased with it very much -

" 20 a beautiful sunday, spring beautiful spring, and the frogs are in full time

" 27 Little more storm, but fine weather today - Mch 24. was instituted at the Masonic Hall - Placer chapter U.D. order of the Eastern Star, and I am Sentinal, I dont have good luck with chickens, they dont hatch out good.

I am very tired of living alone without a woman in the house to associate with, and I fear I am degerating to a mere thing, and if it were not for my boy, whom I love dearly, I might go insane or something worse - and he need some female influence. I think to improve his growing interest &c.

I must seriously consider the matter of getting another wife or a house keeper.

# Will

Dutch Flat Placer co. Cal.
March 26th 1881

Being in sound health, both in body and mind, I make this my "will" knowing the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death.

I devise, give and bequeath to my adopted son, William E. Coffin, all the monies, real estate or other property of whatsoever kind that I may have, and be possessed of at the time of my death, and I name James E. Prewett, of this place, as executor of this my last "will" to serve without bonds.

Isaac Tibbitts Coffin

May 2nd 1885. I revoke the appointment of J. E. Prewett, as the executor of my will, and name William Nicholls Jr. and Wm. Trather as executor, instead, without bonds.

I. T. Coffin.

1881

Apr 3 All fools day has again come and gone, with usual insidents, which shows that the "fools are not all dead yet," and probably never will be -

I have been seriously thinking if I am one of the great army of fools, and I must leave it to others to deside, as I am in doubt.

The weather is remarkably fine and pleasent, and the fruit trees are in full blossom -

I attended the M. E. sunday school today with Willie, as usual.

Inotice, the Chinese are feasting the souls of the departed celestials, with roast pig and the etc, at their cemetery to day, and a strange religion or superstition it seems to be with them; yet the thought arisses, "Is it true?" and does it assure salvation ?

" 9 Three days nice rain last week and the weather is cloudy and cool today

went to sunday school with Willie today - Charlie has gone to his uncles W. D. Starrs to live, at the switch, so me and Willie are alone together again but I intend getting a woman housekeeper if I can get a good woman, one that Willie will take to and like - now I have to take him to Mrs Trathens when I am out evenings to lodges or other places where I cannot well take him, and dont like that way of doing, and last night he staid all night at Mrs Ts. as I was out till midnight to the Masonic lodge - no good way!

1881.

Apr 17 another nice spring rain today and last night — Mrs May came here again last night in the rain from Woodland, and says she has come to stay in D. F.

" 24 Sunday and a fine day, after a cool light rain — Last ~~monday~~ Tuesday I went to Yuba Bet, with Masons and attended the funeral of Bro. Henry Stiker — ~~Tuesday~~ Wednesday attend funeral here of Mrs. Anna M. Chadbourn, the young — 4 months wife of F. M. Chadbourn — Odd Fellows, — Workman, and Good Templars, with her School children attended, and the children sang at the Grave, "We shall gether at the river" —

Mrs. J. H. Abel has returned to live in Dutch Flat, after two years absence in Colorado, which climate dont suit her. —

Yesterday I put down carpets for Mrs Hillhouse and Mrs Abel.

Thursday night I attended Placer Chapter O.E.S. at Masonic Hall and had a supper — a rainy night.

Kate Letts, in the Lough house at Sand Bar, had a baby, premature which soon died — I buried it for her.

" 28 Mrs May returned home to her husband this morning, at Woodland, Yolo Co. and I gave her $10 — to go with — Willie cried when she went away and made me feel bad for him.

" 30 Beautiful weather, Fruit and other vegitation looks fine —

The I.O.O.F. here on the 26th was a nice time to those attending

1881

May 1 another beautiful sunday, and I went to the M.E. sunday school with Willie, after which he had his photograph taken, full length to show his suit of new clothes and watch chain.

Picnic today by Towle Bros and their friends at Bear valley, and ride on their narrow guage railroad etc.

" 8 Sunday - weather cool and cloudy and a sprinkle of rain - - Yesterday I cleaned and relaid carpets for Mrs Andrews, a nice little woman and a friend of mine - In payment of my work she made me a linen lounge cover -

Friday night I attended a social dance, after Encampment meeting, and last night Masonic Lodge until past 1 o'clock this morning, so I feel blue today, but I took a bath and worked about the house a little

Willie has got a bad diarrhea today, wrote to Mrs Franks at San Fran.

Evening - nice shower of rain.

" 14 Beautiful weather, both vegitation and the mines are doing well - I put in considerable garden "sass" last week - I was two days at Mrs S. Andrews, helping her take up, clean and relay carpets &c., especially the &c. she being a grass widow, and one another — etc.

22 Sunday cloudy and cool weather - I feel tired, sleepy and blue today, having been up late nights last week - On wednesday night - I.O.O.F. - Thursday O.E.S. Friday - Encampment, and last night, the M.E. Church Festival, and the widows!

1881

May 22 A big shower this evening rain and hail - and it done my water works some damage

29 Another, but light shower ~~last~~ monday night, which was good for vegitation. Beautiful weather, and cloudy today - Friday night the depot stage was robbed, between town and R.R. station of Wells Fargos express box, by two men with shot guns, but they did not get much.

Stage robbed

Been painting my house some last week, and will do so some more.

June 3 Nice showers, and cool weather Last night Mrs Franks came up from San Fran, and she came to my house to see me about her things which I have belonging to her &c. She is stoping at Sharons.

This P.M. I put down carpet for Mrs Gould

" 5 Sunday - weather cloudy and cool. slight shower yesterday P.M.

Last night Hunt & Davis started another dancing School.

Last night I visited Mrs - - - one of the happy events of my life, and I hope for a continuance, but many such of my hopes have been and seem to be doomed to disapointment

Mary manley came home from S F. last night! - The "Placer Times" print. office has been moved to the Perry place and Perry is moving into the old china wash house - Nelson has moved into Pitts' and H. E. Keys is moving into the Nelson place - "such is life" and change

June 12th First part of the last week was
cool cloudy and rainy, but weather
" is now clear and nice, Had my photo
taken today by "Tinman" -- Did not
do much work last week, not being
very well, having a bad cold on my
lungs and Pneumona - Better now.
" 17 Nice weather - Yesterday I went with H. Ells
and family picnicking to Bear Valley, over
Tomle Bros narrow guage R.R. and we had a
good time generally, and visited the saw
Mills, also the quartz Mill near B. Valley.
One accident, a little dog got run over
and had a leg snatched - smashed --
This morning Mrs Frank left for San
Francisco again after a visit of two week,
and me and Willie will miss her, for
she has been good and kind to us, but
the tongues of scandle are waging to
her injury, and injustly so -
" 20 Cool, clear, and windy.
I was up late friday night attending
Encampment, the Grand G. P. ~~to~~ being
present, and we had supper
Last night I went willie to theater
Got a letter from Mrs Franks. - "Sad"
Charlie is sick again today with a
headach, bad stomach and bowels.
" 26 Beautiful warm weather, and all
is well with us, No local items of
any interest or importance.
July 3 Sunday, Fair - Cool, A comet with a long
tail is now seen in the Northern sky.
Yesterd we heard that President, J. A.
Garfield was shot, and he is alive
today but badly wounded.
Mrs Van Freda, and two small
children are now living in my house
with us, she is here in serch of health
having bronial and lung trouble.

1881

July 3rd Yesterday Charley left for Woodland, Yolo co. to his mother, where I hope he will stay

" 10 A beautiful day and all is well - The fourth passed off here in a quiet way and we attended the Firemans Dinner, the Theater and the Lawn party in the evening -

Mrs. Van Anda is now in my house rent free while me and Willie will go East and we will start tomorrow Sad Milling, and we expect to have a good time. -

House and furniture now insured for $500 - and my life for $1000 in the Accidental Co - of Hartford Conn.

My last Will can be found in this book

J. T. Cappin,

Oct 3

Arrived home today at 8,20 a. m. in time for Willie to go to School, it being commencement of the fall term, (a rainy day) - We found the house empty and dirty, Mrs Van Anda did not stay onely about 1 month. Me and Willie had a good time East arriving in New York July 22nd stopping with sister Mrs E. Jewell at 280 Sixth avenue, and visited Theaters Cony Island and other sights till Aug. 1st when sister went with us to Boston, and Alton, and Tuftonboro in N.H. where we enjoyed ourselves at the Old Paternal and Maternal homesteads till Aug. 15th when we returned to Boston stopping at with

cousin & wife T. C. Dame, no 10 - Monument st. in Charlestown 2 day, they entertaining us nicely, then we went to Nantucket Island to the Clan Coffin reunion till Aug. 20th when sister returned to New York and me and Willie to Boston, Charlestown, Salem and Beverly, Mass. and visited round sept. having a spendid time, visiting the hot weather resorts, theaters and so forth, and returning to N.Y. staied with sister again till we started home sept. 28th via Hudson River N.Y.C.R.R. Lake shore, North western, U.P. and C.P.R.R's - stopped 17 hours at Chicago, and visited the Park &c, was in Council Bluffs, and saw the Garfield funeral Obsequies, and the car of dynamite explosion at that place - Passage home was without accident, or unusual incidents

Oct. 6 Mrs C. M. Frank came up from Auburn this evening to see me and friends, she is stopping at Berrys,

" 9 Sunday and beautiful weather, For the last few days I have been visiting and making calls on old friends including widows, and found every thing and most every body here about the same as last year at this time, - Masonic Lodge last night, and Mrs Frank stayed with Willie till I got home. I wrote numerous letters today, answering correspondence, and mailed papers East,

" 23 another pleasent week and Sunday - Yesterday morning China town was burned, about 40 houses losses estimated $25,000. Light insu-

1881

Oct. 23 Yesterday, I went to Moody Ridge and got some Fir Balsam for my sore hand - not got my trunk yet. Went to Sunday School today with Willie - wrote up Masonic Minute book, of back meetings

" 26 Rainy day, - Sent for a marriage Lisence - Had a bad break in water logs, down lower street last night, fixed it today with the assistance of Mr Darlinos.

" 30 Sunday, Pleasent but cloudy after rain last night.

Married, at our house on thursday evening, Oct. 27th 1881 by J. Jameson, J. P. - Isaac T. Coffin to Mrs Cynthia M. Frank, - in the presence of Mrs Jameson, Mr & Mrs A. E. Perry, - Willie being away to the Theater - Marris Sullivan Show: No - Cards, - No fuss, No Tour, - The great secret was surmised of not deffinately known, the next morning before we were up, and last night while I was away to the Encampt, the "hoodlums" visited the house and made night hideous, scaring Wife and Willie terribly, - but they departed before I got home, and so saved trouble for themselves, if not for me

Nov 6 Pleasant weather, but we had a nice rain the fore part of last week. Yesterday we (the family) went into the woods and I got some more Fir balsom, - attended Masonic Lodge and Encampment I.O.O.F. last night - now comes house cleaning and papering - what a bother

1881

Nov. 13 Pleasant sunday, we worked about the house most of the week, cleaning painting and papering, A. Berry helped us — Got young cow home wounded at the root of the tail, which looks as though it had been chopped with an ax — wish I knew who done it! — Mrs. Landment on a visit to San Fran, fell down stairs and got so badly hurt, that she was brought home on a mattress Last I attended Masonic Lodge and the Encpt. I. O. O. F. and we had lunch in Masonic Hall, was out till after low 12 —

" 15 Yesterday went to Tawles Mills and got a load of lumber to build fence and an addition on the barn.
8 P. M. — Rained hard for the last 20 hours, and more coming.

" 16 Snow all day came down and weather cold, and some water pipes froze up.

" 20 Nice weather again, and a pleasant sunday, which is my 49th birth day, and my wife has written me a nice Poem for the occasion, and which I intend to have printed in the Placer Times — This is also L. P. St Clairs 50th birth day also Mrs. Potts and Miss Cilla Gardner's — we had some company today — and we will have a chicken dinner today Encampment meeting last night

1881

Nov. 27th Fair nice weather all last week, but cloudy with indications of rain today, worked about the house and lot, getting in wood &c, Wife was sick several days but is better now, - The year draweth to a close, and the miners a patiently waiting for more rain, and the decision in the Miners and Farmers debris law suit at Sacramento.

Dec 4 A rainy day and no Sunday School - Wife has gone visiting at Tib Culgrons,

Last week cleaned house and put up new Terra Cotta stove pipe in the parlor.

On tuesday last Mrs Katie Ells died in child birth, and wife wrote and published in the Placer Times, a fine Poem on the event - Large funeral had at the M. E. Church, by Placer Chapter O. E. S, of which deceased was a member, and officer.

Last night I attended Masonic Lodge and Auburn Encampment No 20 I. O. O. F. and had lunch.

" 11 Thursday evening the 8th the Odd Fellows Ball took place - We went and had a good time generally.

Rained yesterday and last night cloudy today outside, and also inside - Wife being in a pet about something, or nothing.

Dog, Taddle winks is sick.

Jan. 1st A pleasant day, and a happy new Year to all! Since my last entry the weather has been various, some rain, good for vegitation and mines but not enough to fill the ditches, yes Dec. was remarkably mild.-
Built a new addition to the barn.
Wife has lately composed Poems, called, or on, "Christmas" and "Tyre Lodge no 238 at Gold Run", where we visited Thursday evening last, and took supper with them, - and a communication to the Placer Heraald, called "Samanthas smatterings"
Christmas passed pleasantly here with usual tree and exercises at the Opera House, Myself and Perry had Turkey shooting Dec. 24th and 31st making about $25 - each.
Last night I attended Masonic Lodge, and Wife and Willie went to see the Amatures play "Handy Andy" and dance,
The D. F. literary society meets every Friday night in the Union Church, where heard Wise and otherwise talk.
Last Sunday night we went to hear the religious Cantata of Christmas at the M. E. Church.
Charley Coffin (or Harned) from Faredy's valley called to see us.
" 8 A nice day, but cold nights, some rain last week, - Aught to be plenty of water now, but mines are not doing much of any thing.-
Hallidays about over - Festivities about ended - and offices Installed,

1882

Jan 8th

Wife wrote two Poems last week, Old Zekils Salailique and a Spiritual Poem, and both good and interesting

" 22 Nice warm day, after two weeks very cold weather, The coldest I ever knew here, and many of the water pipes are burst, and some are still froze up,

Last week there was hard good ice on the Big Reservior to skate on, which the skaters are still enjoying, Wm. Smitt, brake through yesterday and got wet,

Last Night the theatir was well filled to witness "Handy Andy" and the Limerick Boy" by the D.F. Amateurs, 2nd appearance,

All well as usual, and dull times,

Feb 5 During the last two weeks we have had some very cold weather and two snowstorms, making sleighing last week, which is getting no better every day, as the weather is now clear and pleasant, I have been several days laid up in ordinary, by a carbuncle on the end of my nose, which is getting better today - Just learned that Sittrear has been sentenced to hang, good!

We got 11 young chickens - One hen died, and our red heifer is last or stolen otherwise, in most cases we are blessed,

Good skating on the Alta Reservoir,

" 26 Been a very stormy month, more snow than rain, and very cold, causing many water pipes to burst, —

Died On the 19th J. F. Moody of Gold Run died, aged about 68, we went to the funeral walked.

1882

Feb. 26 Sunday, and snowing, after 8 hours hard rain.
Washington's 150 birthday was celebrated here by a ball, and display of flags &c. Ferguson has now reopened his roller skating rink.
Charlie stayed with us two weeks he having neither money credit or home to go to

Mch 5 Nice pleasant sunday, after a tolerable fair week.
Old cow had a calf on the 3d in the snow above the cemetery.
Traveling jew store in town
The roller skating rink is open Tuesday and Saturday nights.
On the 1st W. D. Starr moved into my house, the one he built when first married.
Yesterday was a state anti Chinese holliday, and salute and a mass meeting was held at the Theater, where the talkers ventilated, and adopted appropriate resolutions &c.
No water for mining in the ditches yet, on account of snow and frost.
Prof. Crohurst is in town lecturing on temperance we will attend tonight.

" 19 Been snowing most of the time since last entry, and weather is unsettled yet. Railroads are blocked with snow. I never saw so much snow since I have been in Cal. 26 years. I was out to day repairing Telegraphs.

1882

April 2nd Been clear and fine weather since last entry, except some little stormes in the house, when my dear wife has cross spells.
The Baker mine went to work last week, the only one working here yet — no marriages or deaths in March, but we have had scandles, and other amusements of some kind every week.
Wife gone to Saldhun today looks like another storm was brewing —

" 16 Nice clear weather but cool.
Wife went to San Francisco last Friday the 14th on a visit to friends particularly Mrs Sale, on invited 404 Geary st. — made some garden

" 23 Clear and cool, after raining most of the time for the last 4 days.

Died Died on the 3d inst at D. F. Wm G. Napsinger, aged 48 years a mason — leaving a wife and 2 children.
Friday night last was the closing meeting till Oct. of the debating, or literary society. — Men in town trying to establish the order of Chosen Friends.
Working on the water works making improvements and staping leaks

" 30 Nice warm clear weather and vegitation looks nice, and the songs of the birds are melodious and joyous

Died Monday the 24th John Peters aged 67 years, native of England, and buried by the Good Templers.

1882
Sunday Apr. 30th

Sprinkled the street today.
Thursday night wife came home from San Francisco and Benicia, with Mrs. Ledyard on a visit to the mountains, and she will stay with us a while.
Measels is raging in town so there is no Sunday school today or Band of Hope meeting, and Friday Miss Brown the Primary school teacher was taken down with it, so her department had to close for the time being — Willie is sick with the measels.

May 21 Some rains the first part of the month, but none since the 10th weather now fine, dry and warm. The 18th Mrs P. W. Stephens of Sac. a spiritual trance lecturer and medium, left us, for Truckee and a tour East, after a stay of 11 days with us. —
Measels is still prevalent in town one 20 cases still exist, and the schools are having a vacation on account of it. — Only one hydraulic claim running, the Baker mine. — Debris cases still undecided — I have been making about $200 — want a few improvements on the water works, and more is necessary —
Wife has another of her mad crazy spells, all on account of the boy, whom she hates, as she is jealous of him and every body else, and fears future trouble with her, — Spiritualism — Bad tem

1882

May 28th Beautiful weather, and vegitation looks nice - The 25th & 24th insts we had nice warm spring rains -

Friday the 26th Mrs Ledgard returned home to San Francisco after being with us nearly a month as a visitor. -

I finished puting new water hoses from the sand latt to the ditch, -

Wife has got good natured again and she is now extremely good and kind to me, but not to Willie, as she never has a kind word for him and never has since she came into the house, and he has more fear and awe than love for her.

June 3. Hot dry weather -

Banday Heape picnic yesterday and we went, had good time -

I was bothered with reservoir last week, with bad leaks, which is not O.K yet - Wife good natured lately, and all is well -

Yesterday, L. P. St Clair, J. E. Prewett and H. V. Martin were elected School Trustees, - P. Nicholls and E. Mallows, defeated -

" 11 Sunday, cloudy and cool after thunder showers last night, and a light rain on Thursday - The Festival last night, for the benefit of Rev. J. J. Harris and family was well attended considering the hard times.

Wife got her mad up again last week and made herself ridiculous, - and when I told her "if she did not be better natured my love for her might fly

June 14 out the window", She said she "did not want my love as sympathy", and she was more annoying to me, than a sore toe, with the scalding tongue but she is more docile today.

Died Only child of C. H. & Ola Hildebahl of Little York died last Thursday, and was buried here.—

Cynth Nelson and big John (Harriman) were married on Monday evening June 5th at the Lodge of Chosen Friend—supper & present being in order.—

Public School closed for the want of funds, and the wrong Trustees being elected, etc.

" 15. Died the 16th Richard Fealler, in a fit up in the woods, a member of the I. O. O. F. buried here Hot weather again—Social dance at the Rink Tuesday night as a farewell to J. L. Brinkman and family, by the Fire Co. and the public— The debris suit was decided last week by Judge Temple against the miners, which is bad for the hydraulic miners, as they must stop or fight it out on this court line.

Wife is up on her ear again and is crosser than an old wet hen, all about nothing, I dont know what. She whipped Willie yesterday, foolishly showing great passion, and making a great fuss about trifles &c. She make all kind of absurd threats when angry, such as suicide—deserting the house &c. etc.

1882

June 25th "

Beautiful weather but hot.

Wife cross again, and worse than a sore a=s but nothing- says she is going East to live with her sister- and if she is cross and disagreeable much longer, I hope she will.

July 2- Heat dry weather-

Mr Frank Gale, is visiting us from San Francisco, for his health and recreation.

Wife took new turn and is too too good to live in this wicked world, now, and if she will only stay good we may be happy yet but I fear for she is so liable to sudden changes.-

No fourth of July celebration here this year, only a dance in the evening- we will eat a chicken, and I buy 10 cnts worth of fire crackers for the boy- Sunday School concert at the M.E. Church tonight, Sold the old cow to J. E. Prewitt for $30-

" 9 Heat dry weather- On the Fourth we all went on a picnic into Nevada Co. via Tanle Bros. narrow guage R.R. and had a good time but wife got sick- she is over it now- In the evening there was a ball here, but we did not go cause of wifes sickness, at 3 a.m on the 5th there was a fire at the Kapp butcher shop, slight damage done- Big fright!

July 16th Hot dry weather.

Died Child of E. Duffy died Thursday

On wednesday went to Moody Ridge with Frank Gale, got balsom and home via Carling mill, tired and dirty. - Frank Gale returned to San Fran. yesterday morning, he having gained 10 lbs while here.

Wife has been good all the week, but is up on her ear again today, all on account of that terrible boy.

Died Ed. Dunn died in Arizona (Phenix) about a week ago, formerly lived here, aged about 35 -

E. L. McClure has gone fishing up Bear valley and Yuba River and I am now tending office for him - Terrible news from the great city of Alexandria in Egypt, it being bombarded and destroyed by an English fleet, and havoc, fire, murder, robbery &c.

" 23 Same weather as usual.

Me and wife had a fight, all about that terrible boy, Willie. She slaped my face three times with a wet napkin, and I trowed her down and charked her a little; but she is getting so cross and perish, that she d more annoyance than a sore arse, and I told her so - She calls me and Willie all kind of nasty bad names, and makes various kinds of absurd threats, and says she is going to leave the house &c. Makes threats to kill herself, and others also - She insulted Mrs Andrews and Woods yesterday.

1882

July 30. Sunday, hot and dusty.
Wife is very, very good today and so loving and kind, but I fear it will not last. She jumped out of bed the other night and attempted to follow the spirit of her dead mother which she said came to her. I held her back, but I did not see any ghost. The circus came the 25th and it was a worse bilk than all former ones here, yet they skinned the crowd.
I have been most of the past week repairing Paules telephone wires, not done yet.
Mrs May, my former wife is in town visiting her sister Mrs Leets. My present wife is foolishly jealous of her.
Died Child boy of J. L. & Mrs Brinkman died in San Fran. and they came up and buried it here Friday
Aug 5 Child boy of J. W. and Anna May died the 31st July.
Wife was very good all last week, and last night we entertained 20 of the members of Auburn Encampment with ice cream, cake, fruit &c.
" 20 Weather cooler and more endurable but still dry. W. H. Anderson and W. R. Cookeare both sick. Forever. Wife was bad week before last but since very good. Mrs May (my former wife) and her husband are in town, and he has rented the Photo. Gallery. Their baby died about 10 days ago.

Aug 20th

Miss Louise H. Smith, of S. F. gave a public reading last night at the Opera House, good attendance –

Rev. J. J. Harris has stoped his preaching at the M. E. church cause scandle – Lots of it about, among the women in particular

Born. Mrs L. Straley got another baby

Aug 27 Hot and dry weather still continues

Wife again upon her ear, and she exercises her vocabulary of profanity and billingsgate on me and the boy, which makes me sick and disgusted with her, and the boy is afraid to come near the house when I am not there –

J. E. Prewett and W. R. Cooke are sick with slow fever.

Masonic Lodge last night, and a dance at the Rink, also three primaries of both parties for deligates to county conventions, and a patent medicine peddler held forth in main street.

Sept 3 Weather hot, particularly in our house, for the old woman is upon hear, in fact both ears, about that awful boy, and because I rented the Photo Gallery to G. W. May, & she packed up all her things and some of mine; moved them out, and then moved off to Benicia, leaving most of the things on the front porch, and I put them in the house for safe keeping, now me and Willie are alone together again, and quiet reigns

1882

Sept 3 Bought a pistol of Perry.
" 17 Light rain for last 3 days.
15th went quail hunting, but did not get any.
Wife is still in San Fran. but she is very repentant and wants me to send for her to come back, so she writes to me, I will think about it.
The W. D. Starr family has moved to San Fran.
" 19 Weather pleasant. - Horse kicked bay
Wife came this morning unexpected, and is as good as pie.
" 24 Weather, and wife agreable.
Oct. 1 Heavy rain came yesterday and some the day - Last week I took a hunt on Texas divide, by the way of Emigrant Gap, gone 3 days and got some small game, and a very bad cold, still on me.
Wife has relapsed again and is worse than ever, and nobody comes to see her - She is "pizen" and I fear a little demented.
" 8 Pleasant, after a big rain, since the 1st. Yesterday went to Step Heallow, repairing telephone wires - Wife is again upon her ear worse than ever, and abuses me and Willie in a shameful manner - Fear I shall have to spank her again.
" 15 Rainey again last week, clear today! Oct. 9 son of W. Willis
Died aged 17 - " 11 - Linford Lardner
" 74 - wife still raving at me and Willie - and every thing.

Oct. 22 – Nice weather again.
Palitical pot boils lively.
Wife is cruser than an old wet hen, and is fretting herself to death, and swears she will kill me and Willie. Oh Lord how long? She is the most miserable woman I ever knew.

Nov 5 Nice day after another big rain storm. – Wife is "pizen" again. – she scolds, frets, fumes, fusses, and heroically suffers imaginary martyrdom, and abuses every body she talks about.

Tommy Williams has been sick at our house since Oct. 26 – after a big spree. –

The political pot boils hot, and such mud throwing I never saw before, but two days more and election will be over.

W. Trathen brought down from Sawmill Hill 2 oz 3 gold for last month's work –

12 – Cold and clear weather after a rain storm of 3 days. – Yesterday wife went to Grass Valley via the Nevada Stage – I hope she will stay there till she is a better natured woman – Tommy Williams is the housekeeper while she is gone – The election of the 7th was quiet, and the democrats appear to be in the majority

" 19 Wife is home again and she is dutiful sweet and good, but I fear it won't last. – Clear & cold weather –

Married – Robt Sawthorpe & Mrs Woods

1882

Nov. 20 – Mrs. Mallows was given a surprise birthday party, on evening of the 14th – Last night was dance at Alta. I attending Masonic Lodge last night. –

Nov 26 Nice weather all past week only one day a little rain.
Wife is fretting again –
T. Williams is with us yet.
Dull times, Mines idle, &c

Dec 17 Nice weather since last entry and but one little rain –
The old woman has been "pizen" as usual, but last few days very good indeed – On the 14th I took her to a Ball, at Blue Canon.
I have been helping E. W. Tamle put down carpets in his new house also water pipes for same.
Yesterday H. Beck sold his old household traps, at auction, and he goes to Oakland tomorrow, to live. – The Cox family are also making ready to leave for same place, – Over a dozen vacant houses now in town – Who goes next?

Dec 31 Christmas has come and gone, and this is the last, and coldest day of the old year, snow on the ground and coming – since last entry, but little rain has fallen, and the ditches are low yet. Items
The D. F. amatures, played "The female detective" on 24th – Wife has been pretty good, but is "pizen" just now, Died, Child boy of W Nale on 22nd and on 24th S. Melville Halsey, aged 11 – diphtera – On 31st Mrs Selina King aged, 50 –

Died

Williams with us yet

1883

Jan 6. Nice warm weather, but wife is crosser than an old wet hen, and keeps so most of the time, swearing like a pirate.

I have been running telegraph office since Dec. 22nd, and now I have been appointed permanet agent, vice E. L. Wheelere resigned. — But little water in the ditches

Per agent Et

Died, Dec. 31 — Mrs Salina King, aged 50 yrs.

School commences again monday Jan 8th Mr. Richmond principal.

Feb 1 Cold month was Jan. and but little rain or snow, so no water for mining yet.

On the 29th Tommy Williams left us for the County Hospital, wife having got mad at him, as I expected, and she is mad at me most all of the time and I had to slap her face again to stop her from beating Willie, who she treats worse than her dog — She threatens to kill both of us, and she stole my pistol and has hid it, she also stole my purse with $23 — in it — She is getting to be an old Jezebell.

Many water pipes have bursted — I am now agent for the Western Union Telegraph co, and have moved the office to W. & S. Nicholls' bank.

agent western union

" 3 Today Mrs Talbot, mother of Mrs Shaker died, aged 76.

taken to Nevada

1883

Feb. 18th "

Yesterday Mrs Nettie DeFond aged 26 died at Liberty Hill nev. co. and will be buried here tomorrow

Cold weather and snow till last few days, now warm and pleasent. – Wife "pozen," as usual.

Cow had a calf on the 12th "

Mch 14 Pleasant and clear weather most of the time since last entry and the farmers are praying for more rain – Some little hydraulic mining is being done, The Southern Cross mine is running

H. H. Halsey agent

I had to give up the Telegraph office Mch. 1st " and it has been moved to Post office, Mr H. H. Halsey agent. – Concert last week by the De Moss family at Theater. – Died child of Nelsons last week. – I am now digging up garden lots,

Sold lot house now vacant.

Mch. 8th wife went to San Fran. on a visit, and to attend Spiritualists anniversary, and I hope she will stay till she gets better natured than heretofore

" 28 Clear weather till the 26th " since then, highest rain for the season.

Apr 4 Clear weather today, after a good rain, water now plenty, S. B. Harriman, was hurt in the polar star mine, not dangerous

Died. On the 2nd " A. A. Fergusons girl aged about 2 years. – ~~Maggie~~ Grace

Not heard any thing from my wife for over a week, – Hope she is having a good time

Apr 4 - Meeting called by a delegation of the Salvation army, tonight, at the M. E. Church. - Also a social dance at the D. F. hotel tonight, music by an Italian traveling street band! Harp Fiddle and Flute.

" 9 Died, Mrs J. B. Linn, of Alta, and A. A. Fergusons litte girl. Marth-

10 School closed on account of the prevailing diphtheria.

11 commenced raining tonight Revs. Woodward and Ash, are trying to get up a revival at the M. E. Church, and on the street every evening.

Monday, the 9th the Alta reservoir "busted" causing a big rush of water

Also monday, was instituted, in Masonic Hall. Loyal council U. D. of Chosen Friends, - I am one of them for $1000, insurance - This is the new order of the Pacific Coast - C. O. Burton, being instituting officer.

" 18 Pleasant weather - Wife came home sunday morning, the 14th and she has been very good natured till today, when she was washing and is now sprassier than an old she bear with a sore head.

Today went out in the woods and cut water logs, -

Salvation army ministers still hold forth every night at the M. E. Church.

1883

Apr 25 Slight showers last 2 days. Been in the woods cutting 30 feet of water logs.

Saturday wife got wild frightened Willie out of the house, threatening to poison us both, and as I only made fun of her foolishness. She hit me in the face with her fist which made me mad and I turned her up and spanked her butt with a paddle till I made marks. — She then destroyed, and mutilated sundrie items of mine and the boys. — Changed the beds said she wouldn't never cook or do any thing more for me or the boy, so we had to go to the hotel for supper. — Next day day she packed her trunk and monday morning left for San Franrisko, I giving her $100, — to travel with. Today she writes me for more money to go East with.

May 1 Sent my wife a check for $50 more to help her go East to her sister — Mrs. W. B. Shoemaker, Napoleon Henry Co. Ohio. — On Saturday last apr 28th Tommy Williams came up from the County Hospital and is now living with me and Willie.

" 7 Big rain storms, and it continues.

Thursday, the 3d I went to Auburn and started a suit for a divorce from my wife — Grounds, cruelty, atty J. E. Brewlett.

1883

May 9 Clear weather again — I shipped 450 lbs. of wipes good, to her sister Mrs W. B. Shaboman, Napoleon Ohio yesterday — Wife is still at San Francisco, and sick, and has again postponed her start for the East. — I had Mr. Osborn hired to help me fix water-works, — Photo. Gallery closed again, — May the artist was not a success, too much whiskey —

May 16 Remarkable wet weather for May; rained most every day this far — Row at Chinatown today, — Wing Kee hurt with a hatchet — — Chinaman Died Killed near Sawell Hill, by a falling tree, on the 13th "

" John W Kitchie, died May 12th aged 67 years — native of Ohio

On the 11th I went to Sacramento, as witness in a land case for Tamle, — Thomas Williams, also went. —

Not heard from my wife since last entry.

agent Associated press

I have been appointed an agent for the associated press.

Got a bad cold.

" 23 Beautiful weather — Sent my wife her sewing machine, and Pd $3. — expressage, — Finished new line of water logs to my house and Fergusons.

Today worked at Gaulds on carpets, and Tommy Willis worked in the garden.

1883

June 3rd Beautiful weather; dry
I have received the appointment of Agent
for the associated press for Dutch Flat,
and Pacific Coast.- Not heard any thing
more from my wife; except the Memor-
ial, or decoration day Poem in the Placer
Herald, of yesterday - Last night the
M. E. Church had a Festival for the
benefit of Rev Mr. Woodward, and
they done well - Willie got a finger
mashed in Mrs Pitmans ice creame
freezer - I have got a touch rhumer tism
in my right hip joint

June 14 - Went to Texas diggins last week
with Tom H. Williams and Willie
went via Am. Gap and returned
via Blue Canon, riding home on
a locomotive, Williams remaining
in the mountains - Weather was
fine, but we were all sick in the
bowels - Sarial dance here last
night by Hunt, the teacher,

Born - June 12 - Wife of J. W. Nelson, a son,

July 1 Hot dry weather - arrangements are
being made to celebrate the 4th here,
My case for divorce has been
referred to judge Jameson here to
take testimony - I have written for
T. Williams to come down and give
his evidence in the case - Nothing
more direct from my wife. -

July 8 Same weather - Sultry - Sexards
moved out of the Star house, and I
have rented to another, Iron man -
The 4th was celebrated here by a
Salute - procession, oration by E. J.
Henston &c, Greased Pig, races &c
Hurrikles - I win a race $2 - Ball
at theater - nice time,

July 8th Tommy Williams Came
Came down last night, Said he heard
at Alta, that my wife was seen on
the Cars going East –
July 15 Heat and dry, and roads dusty,
Today, Infant daughter of Mr & Mrs. E. C.
Allen was buried, –
Submitted evidence, thursday in
my divorce case, to Judge Jameson,
and it has been sent down to the
Superior Court for desision,
Today Tommy Williams went
back home, to Texas diggins,
Water failing, and the hydaulic
mines are shutting down for the year,
" 22 Hot weather – Divorce granted, 14th
On the 20th I bought a placer
mining of S. F. Eddings, located
on the ridge between Bennets
Canon and Wilmots ravine at
Texas diggins, ½ interest in 40 acres,
Tom H. Williams partner –
" 29 Hot, dry and sultry weather,
J. T. Jones, and Miss Martha Knott,
were married last week,
I feel as though I needed a
change of air and food,
Aug 5 Just returned from a 3 days trip
To Emigrant Gap, Texas Mills and
Wilmots Ravine, to see T. Williams
and hired two men to work with
him – Hot dry weather –
" 20 – Last sunday night, David Lannon
Killed aged about 29 – was Killed at Blue
Canon by the cars running over
him – He was from here on his
way to work for Hurzink near
the summit – Two ~~women~~ which
native of N.Y.

1883

Aug 20 Weather still hot and dry.
Many of D.F. folks have gone to San Fran, to the Knight Templar Conclave, and the laying of the corner stone of the Garfield monument, on the 24th.
Yesterday went to the station and saw 5 long passenger trains pass west loaded with Knight Templars, their wives &c.
Last night went visiting after attending Masonic Lodge.
" 26 Same hot weather, digging potatoes. On the 24th John H. Simons died, aged 49 - native of England - Funeral this day from Tenson church, by the Red Men - Large gathering.
" 31 On the 28th Died Mariah, wife of C. H. Carlin, aged about 30 -

Sept 2 Sunday and hot, sultry - Slight shower this morning - Yesterday went to Bear river with the boys. Today dined out.
" 9 Died, at Gold Run - Sept. 8th L. M. Everhart, aged about 60 years. Worked 1½ days repairing the Masonic Hall, Sidewalk. Have a bad cold. - Dont like living alone. Nice, but dry weather but dull times.
" 23 Hot and dry weather, and the water is very low.
30 Rain, rain, glorious rain, came last night and today.
Tommy Williams came down last week - Mrs May moved into the Starr house.

Oct 21 Returned from San Fran. last Thursday the 18th from a 2 weeks visit. - Seeing shows, sights and attended, Masons Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge I.O.G.T. - Grand Chapter O.E.S. and Grand Encampment I.O.O.F. - weather being fine - Willie being with me, and having a good time.

" 28 First three days of the week I went to Emigrant Gap and Texas diggins - Wednesday night, heavy rain, and light rain balance of the week - clear and cool today -

Mrs May left for Dixon today, to join her husband again - Great case in the Justices court, now progressing, local talent to the front.

Nov 4 Pleasant, after a nice rain. - Rented sand hot house. - Mrs May ordered her traps shipped to Nisum

Widow Dunn sold out at auction, and going East to her Mother - I got two loads of wood hauled yesterday.

Tommy Williams came down last sunday, and will stop with us during the winter - Bought a quarter of venison, its nice.

I have bought out R.S. O'Harn 1/4 interest in the Big Spring mine at Texas diggins for $669,70 and about $200 worth of bills due to be paid by me; so I now own 1/2 interest in the mine, of 180 acres with Mr. J. Knox as partner

1883

Nov. 11th Beautiful day, Sunday
Light rain fore part of the
week. Miners preparing for
winter mining. - Rented Sand
Lot house.

" 17 Nice weather, got two loads wood.
Letter from Mrs.
C. M. Coffin, now in San Francisco
I answered it of course.

" 20 Today I am fifty one - How time
flies! answered letters.

" 24 Nice rain yesterday. Clear
and cool today - was several
day repairing telephone lines
to Little York, Chalk Bluffs,
Steep Hollow and Liberty Hill
last week - Masonic Lodge last
night with lunch.
Wrote several letters today.

Dec 2 Nice weather, but a storm seems
to be brewing - Had cod fish for
Thanksgiving - No demonstrations
here that day. - Turkey shooting
and ball at Alta - Tom. Williams
got on a drunk.

" 9 Sunday, and a beautiful day
so I went to church. -
The Olive Lodge no 81 - I O. O. F. 25th An-
niversary social and ball on the
7th was a fine affair.
The ladies of the M. E. Church
gave Rev. Mr. Woodward and his
wife a reception yesterday, on
their arrival in Town from Colfax
They will live in Mrs. Wright's
house - Masonic Lodge last night, I
was reelected Secretary.

" 16 - Pleasant weather yet, No rain.

Dec 15th Beautiful weather, and miners waiting for rain to fill the ditches, next comes christmas, and I will have Turkey shooting the 24th. Was reelected scribe of Auburn Encampment no. 20 - I.O.O.F. last nights meeting. - Also permanent Sec'y. of Oliver Lodge no. 81 - I.O.O.F.
Pastures are alt for a masked ball, new years night. -

" 24 St. Johns day, and raining hard, and indications of snow. -- From the 20th to 25th Stormy, Rain & snow. I shot off 16. Turkeys yesterday, and got $44. for them - the same now retailing at 30 cts. per pound - Cooked doughnuts, and a hogs head today

Jan 1 - 1884 Happy new year to every body, another little storm last week.
Last night went to the masquerade ball, as a chinaman, Miss L. Thomas took the prize, as an old woman, with knitting and reticule

" 6 Clear after a good rain, which has filled the ditches, and the hydraulic mines are starting to pipe dirt. - Last night Auburn Encampment installed officers and had a supper - I was reinstalled as scribe - Think I will write a love letter today, guess I am not too old to marry again

" 13 Cloudy, cool, - not enough rain yet, to keep ditches full, - The U.S. Circuit Court have decided, Hydraulic mining must stop, bad for us. - Shirt and pillow case party last night at Rin went to Church today. -

1884

Jan. 20th Cloudy and dry, and every thing, and every body patiently, and impatiently waiting for more rain, as but a very little water is yet running in the ditches.

" 30 Clear today, after a good rain and Snow-storm - Deligation of the Debris men in town watching the miners. - Town very and the citizens dispondent - Two new comers at the sand lot house.

Feb. 1 Raining again today.-
Select dancing party at the Theater last night.

" " Clear and cold weather, after a big Snow storm. Good sleighing and sliding for the boys.

Died, on the 3rd Miss Maud Secord, aged about 16 years - On the 9th Mr. Fisher H. Fallansby aged 55 - native of Maine.-

Nothing doing in the mines; the ditches being frozen and filled with snow higher up.

" 20. Beautiful day, after storming weather most of the time since last entry. Snow above, and rain below. - Trains delayed by snow slides and accidents east of here. - Died on the 13th son Infant, of Geo. & E. Biddell - At Auburn the 19th Mrs. Bertie Drummond, nee Miss Bertie Abel, of Dutch Flat. - Funeral here tomorrow - Started to work a little in the garden today. - Last night we attended temperance lecture at the M. E. church, by Rev. Mr. Fleming - a blind man - not much account -

" 26 Cow had a calf today, bull -

27 Tom hens hatched out chickens -

Feb. 29 Beautiful weather all the week - Tommy Williams is sick in bed after a big drunk.

Mch. 3 Weather dry and pleasant, but scant supply of water in the ditches - Got letters from sister N. Y. and Mrs May San Francisco. - Tommy Williams got sober again.

J. T. Jones, the druggist, and his wife left town for Hollister yesterday, to reside, and run a drug store. There friends gave them a farewell party at the D. F. hotel Saturday night. - Thus the town is getting depopulated.

" 9 Sunday, - Big wind and rain storm prevailing most of the past week.

Died Letter rec'd from Clifton N. H. announcing death of uncle Levi Coffin, at the old homestead; aged 57 years; a good man - Insured his life for $2000, - Leaves a family -

" 16 - Light rains and unsettled weather last week. - I worked some repairing telephone line for Polar Star Mine, which commenced piping the 14th. - The Cedar Creek Co. had several bad breaks in big pipe. - Thursday, Placer Chapter No. 47 - O. E. S. celebrated their 3rd anniversary in the evening, the 13th.

" 23 Cool and cloudy after a small snow-storm - Man named Stoddon, drowned in ditch near Em Safe, and a man named Sawed on and killed in one of the Lobell hill mines last week.

1884

Mch. 30th Beautiful day, after a-
"nother snow storm. - My partner, Mr.
John Knox, was down from the Big
Spring mine last week, and returned
home - Last night went to Calfax
and attend the Odd Fellows Lodge,
with fine others, and assisted to
initiate four candidates; and had
supper; returning by passenger
train - Set two hens yesterday. -
The hydraulic mines here and
now most all at work, in spite of
Judge Sawyers decession.

Apr 6. Beautiful spring weather, and
garden making is now in order -
Flies are making their appearance -
Social dance at the D. F. hotel
last night - The public School
closed on the 4th for an indefini-
ite vacation. - Hydraulic mines
in full blast

" 13 Quather stormey week just past.
Snow and rain. The M. E. Church
ladies held a basket social and a
concert last night at the theater and
done very well - Miners all busy.

" 20 Tolerable pleasant week since last
entry, mines going full blast.
Vegitation looks fine - Severe
accident on R.R. near summit
yesterday - Snow sheds fell in
on a train, killing many men
workmen and smashing cars,
no particulars yet. - Busy now
repairing winter damages to the
water works &c.

" 27 First of last week fair weather, but
a snow storm now prevailing, since
yesterday a.m. Trees damaged -

" caught 7 tramps in barn last Tuesday, one escaped
& other paroled for 30 days.

Apr 27th Sunday - Last night, Halls.
Uncle Toms Cabin, company performed here, to a good house, in spite of storm -
Yesterday was the 65th anniversary of the I.O.O.F. in America, and a bad day for picnics - not observed here.
Went to Good Templers lodge last night. -

May 4 Beautiful weather, - same most of the past week - Put down carpets for maker, in the Bradley house.
The Good Templers had a grand time last night, a public installation of Officers, and social programme, with a nice supper in the hall. -
Rec'd letter from sister today.
Am making preparations to go to San Francisco, on the 10th to attend the I.O.O.F. Grand Lodge, and laying of the corner stone of the new Odd Fellows Hall, on the 14th.

" 25 Sunday, Cloudy and cool for May, no rain since April - Slight sprinkle today. Returned from San Francisco yesterday, after a 2 weeks absence, attending the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. and the Grand Council of the I.O.O.F. of the Pacific Coast, sight-seeing &c - Stopped one day in Sacramento one day - My boy Willie went along with me - Attended Festival and dance here last night, benefit of the Home benevolent association.

June May 1 Cloudy and indications of a shower - Heavy showers last sunday evening & during monday; Balance of week pleasant. Tommy Williams is on a drunk ag

June 15th 1884 Cold, cloudy, and rainey most every day during the last two weeks, I and oldest inhabitant never saw the like in June, excepting something like it in the year 1816 = The late raines have done considerable damage to the farming interest, as to hay and grain. - The national Republican convention met at Chicago, and nominated James G. Blain, of Maine for President, and Gen Logan of Ill. for Vice President. Rah!

Nice weather today, went to Alta & Mill City. - Tomorrow will go up to Texas Diggins mines, with Tommy Williams.

" 22 Sunday, and rainey, after a week of pleasent weather,

Monday last, I went to Texas Diggins, via Blue Canon, with T. H. Williams, and Willie, - staied 2 nights in Williams' Cabin; also visited the Big Spring mine, came home on wednesday, lost knife and specs.

" 24 clear and pleasent, but cool for June, Monday was rainey, I guess the last for the season, which done some damage to growing crops, especially to hay, and grain. - Friday we went to the Masonic picnic at Storms' Ranch, near Grass Valley, by team via Little York and Joe Hot, where we had a good time, meeting many old friends and brethren.

Dutch Flat, Placer Co. Cal., July 6th

Very pleasant weather last week, and the 4th was celebrated here in a becoming manner - thusly. Salutes of anvils at sunrise and sunset, - Procession at 10. A.M. Firemen, Children and Citizens, Orator. S. H. Colby - President of the day H. C. Martin, - Readers R. J. Simmons and Miss Clara Martin and a Glee Club - Kares &c. drinks as usual. - Fire-works, and Ball in the evening - Every thing passing off pleasently. I win one race and a horrible, representing St. Jacob. Feel stiff, sore and tired today - Attended Masonic Lodge last night.

Frank Gale, of San Fran. was here visiting us, and went on to Donner Lake, and to return home tonight.

July 15. Spell of Hot weather last week, but cool and windy today. - Last week was a social one by the orders, as it was Installation of officers, ending with suppers &c. Wednesday night by the Odd Fellows, - Friday night the Rebekkers; and last night the She Masons. O. E. S. - and I have an office in each. - National Democratic Convention have nominated Cleveland & Hendricks on the Presidential ticket. - Rented the Stair house to Mrs Lawrence and Daughter.

" 20 Cool and pleasant weather, and windy today - Rented Stair to Mrs E Mathews and her Mother Mrs Lawrence. - Last night Auburn Encampment installed officers and had a Supper.

1884

Dutch Flat, Placer Co. Cal.

July 27. Hot dry weather, and the roads are getting dusty, and water is failing in the ditches, — on the 25th 5 Chinamen were killed at Liberty Hill by a bank blast, which blowed a shale into a bedrock tunnel under the bank, and the Chinamen going into the tunnel to examine and repair it were asphoxiased by the powder gass, and several others were prostrated, but recovered. The dead were buried in the China Cemetery here today.

I relieved a Masons wife in distress here today to the amount of $20. — Mrs M. E. Crisman she goes to Portland Oregon.

Fought bed bugs yesterday. Mrs. M. E. A. Garder has been visiting her old home here last week.

Aug 3 Hot and dry weather — most of the mines have staped piping for the season — Got a letter from my dear wife no. 2 — will answer today. — Shaw coming tomorrow night. Dull times.

" 10 Hot weather, and dull times, Social dance last night. Dined with Mrs. Andrews today Got letters from father & my ex. wives, — John Gray and Miss Hughes were married this morning, and gone to Bear Valley.

13 Weather about the same as usual, some of the mines shutting and setting the bottom to chinamen.

Sept. 27 - Sunday and weather fine.
On the evening of Aug 15th my house and contents were burned, loss $2000, insurance $500. Cause, lamp exploded, which I left burning, and went out since which time, this mutilated record from the fire, has been kept by Mrs. H. Davis some few other things I got out, washed and repaired, so that I can make some use of in my rented rooms, in the old Beck building, where we now live, partially boarding at the Placer hotel. - Sept 15th I got a check for my insurance, $500, which will help me out considerably - Aug. 18th Mrs. W. A. Sharon died, aged about 36, - Large funeral. The first part of the month was cold and stormy - Last 4 days I have been helping Mr. Hillhouse pack, preparatory to moving to Talara city. - Mrs. Hilton goes with them to Mercede - Alex Kenuth and family have moved to Oakland - J. W. Nelson goes East next week, and others are talking of moving away. And so the town is getting depopulated - Mrs. Jewell, my sister in New York, kindly sent cloth to make clothes for Willie - Traveling show here tonight, boy has gone to I dont care for it.
27

1884

Oct 5th " Cloudy but pleasant temperature

Sept. 29th it rained.

Died C. A. Hilton, formerly of Dutch Flat was killed by the cars at Modesto last week, Dry times but the political pot is boiling. —

H. Ells, working for me at Texas diggings, killed three bears last week, I heard.

" 12 Pleasant weather all last week but rainy today. Democratic speaking here last night by the local candidates. This morning I got a letter from Mrs. D. Richison of Oakland — Jas. Teaff died at Oakland last week, aged 60 formerly resided here, and was a member of Olive Lodge no. 81 I. O. O. F.

H. Ells came down from the Wilmot mine last night.

" 14 Stormy last monday and on Thursday. Clear and cool now. Republican rally Thursday night J. A. Luttet orated.

Sister in New York in distress sent her $100. — Two babies died here last week, — J. R. Fallers and a Portugese child — Picked apples, wrote 5 letters today and done some washing, now going visiting

" 26 Pleasant weather all last week. I been sick the last two days with cholera morbus, better today — Mrs. Niles' baby died today, washed and wrote letters.

Nov 2 Good weather all last week — Masonic Lodge last night.

" 8 Still good weather —

Nov. 4th. Election is over and the democrats seem to have it

Placer county went 300 maj for Blaine, but county ticket democratic, except 2 - Colby for assembly, and Crain Co. Surveyor, republicans elected.

" 16 Heard that Mrs. Susan Andrews (widow) has got a boy baby at Oakland Cal. - Weather still dry and pleasent, but we had a slight shower Tusday night the 10th I went to Sawell Hill on Thursday and got my dog (Nig) that was stolen by Chinamen some time ago. Willie sick today, so I gave him some physic -

" 23 Clear, pleasent and dry weather. I got a new suit of clothes from Philadelphia, price $28.50

30 Nice warm weather but too dry for miners - Thasgiving Ball I attended - also the O. E. S. Chapter and was installed Sec'y, and I was last night, elected Sec'y. of Clay Co No. 101 F. & A. M. - Made $10. at a Turkey shoot Thanksgiving.

Mrs. returned from Oakland with her baby last Tuesday.

Fire at Gold Run yesterday morning, burning several of the best buildings in the town.

Dec 7 A north wind gale blowing here since yesterday, which blowed down my wood shed and some fence. - Dr Wellis' house and contents burned today, near the R. R. station

1884

Dec. 14th Clear, cold and dry.
Water pipes froze and bursted.
Done washing, mending and wrote
letters today.
" 21 Big rain for the last 5 days,
so the streams and ditches are
full — Christmas is coming, and
the stores show it — still raining
" 28 Raining all last week, but snowing
now. No public Christmas tree
here this year — for the first time
since I have been here.
Masonic Lodge had installation
of Officers and a turkey supper
last night.

1885

Jan 4 Sunday. Took a hot bath, and
clean change. — Little snow storm
after rain last week. Clear and
pleasant now. — Went to Calpax on
Friday evening, to a masonic reun-
ion, and had a good time.
My partner in the Big Spring
mine, John Knox, was down yes-
terday. — Auburn Encampment
No. 20 — I.O.O.F. had installation
of Officers, and semi-annual
feast on turkey last night.
Jan 16 Nice weather now, after several
little storms, and some of the mines
are at work — Skating Rink again
opend — lots of time to read and write
letters to interesting correspondents.
" 18 Nice day — Mrs Anna Maria Weller,
of Christmas Hill, Nevada Co. died
and was buried here today, aged
about 50, a very large woman.
I put on my new clothes and attended the
funeral at the Me. E. Church.

Jan. 25th Beautiful weather, same all the past week, - Plenty of water in the ditches, and miners most all at work, Today, took a bath and clean change, also cleaned house and done some washing - Skating Rink in full blast, on Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

Feb 1 Beautiful weather, for winter, Rail road detained at Alta yesterday by a cut across the road being washed out - Done washing, and wrote letters today - Attended the Good Templers Lodge last night. - Got Willie new shoes.

" 8 One light rain last week, weather being fine, but little cloudy today Miners all at work, and water in ditches plenty, My wash day. - Kapp meat shop closed, and the St. Clair butcher shop opened by W. J. Parratt and H. E. Kilshie on the 1st

" 15 Beautiful weather, but one windy day last week - Got a bad cold. - Chinamen stole about a dozen of my best chickens, for their new year feast - visited Chinatown yesterday, but only found some feathers

22 Anniversary of the birth of Washington 1732 and a nice day, after a little rain yesterday - Last 2 days I helped to get ready for the ball tomorrow night. - I shot one of Mr. Runckels hogs in my lot, last week.

Mch 1 Beautiful dry weather, most too dry. The Firemens Ball last monday night was a grand success, 86 tickets being sold, I tended door till after supper

Dutch Flat, Cal, March 8th 1885
Fine warm dry weather all last week
miners all at work as usual.
Done some washing today, and writing
Mch. 15 Warm, clear, and dry weather, and the farmers are praying for more rain. Fruit trees are mostly in full bloom. - Got a bad cold, Willie also, and a bad cough. Eclipse of the sun billed for tomorrow
" 22 Clear, warm, and dry weather. We had a light rain the 17th
At 8 o'clock P. M. the 19th the wood and wash house of S. S. Maker was burned, and the barn caught on fire, but the fire co. soon put it out, with two good streams of water
" 29 Weather still fine, after a very little rain the fore part of the week, and vegitation looks lovely. Skating carnival last Tuesday night, was a fine affair, ending with a dance, I was a '49er. Thursday was Placer Chapter no 49 O. E. S. 4th anniversary, was a nice gathering with invited guests, with a supper — Old 'pard. T. H. Williams came down from Texas diggins last sunday and had a big drunk, but is sober now
Apr 5 Light rains during the past week, Easter Sunday, and the M. E. Church Sunday School will give a concert tonight. - Done some painting and papering at the Star house.
" 12 Nice weather, after light rains during the past week. - Last wednesday, the 8th went to Gold Run and attended the funeral of Mrs. Emma R. Rodgers, who died at Meanford.

Apr. 12 — On the 5th " Mr. Friedlander moved into the Star house with his wife — Rented at $10. per month

" 26 The 66th " anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America, but we had no celebration here; The Rebekahs had a little social Friday night instead, it being the 3rd anniversary of Golden Rule R. D. Lodge no. 68 I. O. O. F. —
Light rains from the 12th " to 18th " but last week was clear and pleasant, but it is cloudy and windy today, indicating rain.

May 3 Nice fine weather — slight showers the 3d week of April, Dry and warm now, and vegitation is doing well = I am busy all the time about the water works, the garden, other lots &c — Miners all working, Social by the Good Templers last night, Also a Strawberry Festival at Alta, to benefit the Preacher, Rev. Mr. Elliott, Loyal Council I. O. C. F. elected me as a Representative to the Grand Council, that meets in San Fran. on the 19th "

" 15 Cool Cloudy, and light showers since last entry — I have put in 2 more water plugs, and extend the main pipe 400 feet, on Stockton st. —
Sam Simmons and Billy Walters had a fight yesterday — Simmons seemed to have the best of it. — I intend going going to Sacramento and San Fran. tomorrow.

" 24 Clear dry weather — I returned home last night, after being gone 8 days, having been at Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, Oakland and San Francisco, visiting, attending Theater &c, and the Grand Council I. O. C. F. — Got a bad cold, and little money left.

Dutch Flat, Cal. May 30, 1885

Hot weather during the past week, and I was working hard all the week, on water works. Thursday night, the town had a very narrow escape from fire, which started at 11 o'clock back of the Express office, and burned two small buildings, but the fire co. was out quick and got water on in time to douse it, There being a Festival and dance at the Opera House where I was with many other firemen. It was the Chosen Friends, Anniversary, the 6th of the Council fire. Tommy Williams returned to Texas diggings last Monday.

Friday night, the 28th Mrs. May came up from San Fran. and is living in the Trumbly house, and she has a baby!

June 7 Cool weather last week, with a good shower on the 4th laying the dust, Charlie, Mrs. Mays son came up from San Fran. to his mother Thursday night, and is living with her.

Friday night the ladies held a Festival for the Fire co. to raise money to lay water pipes to the School house, and a good time was had with dancing, and they cleared about $175.00 — Yesterday Wm. Tamplin and Charlie were blown up by a blast in the Elsmore Hill Mine, Tamplin nearly killed, having his jaw and an arm broken,

3 Visited Mrs. Chamberlin yesterday, and heard from my 2nd wife.

1885

June 14 Cool weather, and day a good rain last week, — Finished laying 320 feet of 3 inch water pipe on Sacramento st. with 3 more fire hydrents, and one for W. F. Michills brewery, and on the fire co. turned out and tested it, and the hose, — Henry Wyter, fell down and was hurt. — I worked today, sunday at Halseys shop chang the water pipes on his machinery —

15. Olander H. Lee returned today after being away several years. — Last night I visited Mrs. R. E. Mathews Professor Chrahurst, lectured on temperance at the M. E. Church, last two nights to good attendence, for the good templers

" 21 Nice pleasant weather — Had a good deal of work to do on the water works, — Painted the Sand lot house, outside, —

Programmes are out for the 4th of July celebration — visited Mrs. Chamberlain today. — Skating Rink, and dance last night, was a gay time.

July 5 Cool and pleasant weather, with a nice shower on the 2nd.

The 4th was celebrated here in due form by the Firemen and citizens Ball on night of the 3d which was continued next night — I represented British beef in the Harrebles, taking 4th prize $2.

No accidents occuring, but some old chronic drunks left over today — Tom Williams got saber the 2nd

1885

July 12th Beautiful weather, and the
vegitation looks well, also fruit.
Yesterday I helped Mrs. Andrews
move = The hydraulic mines have
stopped for want of water.
Monday last, I hired C. Strahle
to go up to Texas Diggins with T.
H. Williams to Work in the Wilmot
mine, at $2 per day - Shower bath.
" 14 Beautiful weather, after several
hot days. = Miss Lillian Smith, the
girl champion shootist is here
and opened a shooting gallery in
the front of this building, and
she gave an exhibition of her
skill last night, but could not
attend, as I was at Auburn Emig.
meeting, Willie went. -
26 Weather as usual, fine. - Debris
man made himself a nuisance, and
he got licked and fired out of town.
Shooting gallery all the rage yet.
Friday, the 24th John Henry Nicholas
died of consumption, aged about 55.
an old resident. - Funeral yesterday
from the M. E. Church.
Aug 2 A hot wave is on us - 98 today
Today, Wm. C. Ball, of Yuba Bot. was
Died buried here by Clay Lodge No 101
F. & A. M. of which he was a member
Dull, dry times here now.
16 Dry hot weather the last 2 weeks, and
nothing doing - Yankee Dodge with his
peddle cart was here last week, also
Dr. Russell, the essence man. Strahle
came down from Tex Digs Friday and
he goes back tomorrow, to work with
Tom Williams at my expense. T. Digg
been on a drunk.

Aug 16. Young Max Steinberg was on a drunk last night, and when going home, fell over a steep bank and he is not expected to live

24 Hot dry weather; Springs low and water scarce. - Last Monday the 18th

Died Max Steinberg died from the effects of being drunk and falling down a bank into the mines, off the road.

Another R. R. smash up the 22d at Tamarack. a misplaced switch caused it. 2 engines and tenders wrecked and some cars. One man killed and several badly damaged. = Hard times.

Sept 6 Springs very low and water scarce, but we had a little shower of rain last night with thunder and lightening. - Some Dutch Flatters went to the Dist. fair near Grass Valley last week, and more will probably go to the Sacramento State fair this week - very dull times - Little dance at the Rink last night.

13 Weather variable, but still dry and some days hot like today - My affianced wife is very sick, and I love her more than ever, in her helpless condition, and if she dies, I shall be disconsolate, and my ambition in life will be all gone - I fear she is too good to stay in this wicked selfish world -

Strahle, the man I had hired to work my interest in the Welmot mine on Texas Ridge, came down Friday, and the mine will be closed for the season.

I went to Colfax yesterday and attend a meeting of Siloam Chapter no 57 R. A. M. last night, coming home on overland train at 3 this morning.

- There Knox is taking out good pay at the Big Spring mine.

1885

Sept. 20th On the 16th L. Voos' Sawmill on the
Yan Bet Ridge, was burned, with surrounding
houses and 400,000 ft. of lumber, loss $50.000
Barn partly insured, About the 12th to J. T. Jones &
and wife a daughter, and to E. W. Fowle & wife
a daughter - My promised wife still sick
Heat dry weather as usual. - State Fair
at Sac. last week - water very scarce.
Mr A. Price & partner, have taken the Photo.
Gallery - Fires in the woods in many place.
" 24 Nice rain on the 24th and the dust
laid - Fine weather. - State Fair over
Grover C. a Dutch Flat horse won a
trotting race, Phill Byrne owner -
Mrs. Lawrence gone to Idaho to get
money of her truant husband.
Oct. 4 Heat dry weather again.
Rented the Photo. Gallery to A.
Price, artist at $10 per month -
Starr house is again vacant
Last monday Charles A. Coffin
accidently shot himself in the left
shoulder, and we cut the bullet out
of his back - He is sure but doing
as well as could be expected.
" 18 Warm dry weather for Oct. - I was up
to Texas diggins, gone 3 days. back
last night - R. R. accident at Gold
Run on the 15th Collision, 12. cars
smashed and engineer hurt. - On the 11th
G. W. Fowles house was on fire, caused
by children playing with matches,
Damage but slight.
" 25 Sunday - Pleasant and dry weather, and
rain is needed - nothing of note to record.
Nov. 8 Nice 3 days rain last week - Mrs Lawrence &
family have taken balance of this floor and
Mr J. R. Jeffries, has opened the bar in the
front room, I doubt his success.

1885

Nov. 15 Cloudy, and fine rain perceptible, coal
autumn weather, - Me and Will Baker
have bought 2 doz. turkeys to have up
for Thanksgiving shoot, - Went to
Calfax last night in carriage with Rabie
Robinson and Schmidt to attend Siloam
Chapter no 37 - R. A. M. but only me and
Rabie came back in the buggy - and Rabie
run the team off the road and tipped
over into a culvert, but no serious damage
was done, - and I drove home myself arriving at
3½ o'clock this morning - R. & S. came home
on overland Train. - Tommy Williams came
down last week and is stopping with us
now.

" 22 More rain, and miners jubilent, ditches full.
Charles Harvey died at Sawell Hall Tuesday the 17th
and was buried here

" 29 More rain, making nearly 15 inches
thus far this season. the oldest inhabitant
never saw the like for november.

Dec Had Turkey shoot on the 25th and
made $4. profit - - Shooting matches
and a ball at Alta Thanksgiving

Dec 6 Variable weather, and plenty of
water for the miners, and most of
them are at work -

Died - On the 2nd Mrs Mary E. Daremus,
a native of England aged about 70.

" 14 Last week the 5th Mrs Mathews &
baby went to Grass Valley - weather
pleasent most of the past week, only
one rainy day, - miners seem to be
doing well. - I worked 3 days on
water pipes for Hoff & co. and have more
of the same job - worked one day
" 20 for E. V. Towle, and one day repairing
Telephone to Reservoir above Alta

1885

Dec 20th Tolerable nice clear weather last week, and the miners seem to be doing well. Attended Masonic Lodge and Auburn Encampment last night, and I was elected Secy. of both. Both together had a hot turkey supper & segars. Looks like rain tonight — By request, I will a Christmas letter for publication in the Placer county Republican.

Dec. 24 Christmas eve was very stormy, but Christmas tree at the M. E. Church was a success nevertheless. Christmas day was pleasant, but more rain came since. Clear cool and pleasant today. (Have been tending Express office for past 4 days, and Nicholls bank, the firm being in San Fran. tending P. Nicholls, the head of the firm, who is sick nigh unto death. — Wednesday the 24th Geo. W. Heffard died of dropsy, aged 54, a native of Penn. — and was buried by the I.O.O.F. in their cemetery.

1886

Jan. 10 Nice weather for Jan. — Ice skating on the Alta reservior. — Miners at work as usual. — Mrs. Mag. my first wife came here drunk last night and tried to force herself in on me, at midnight, and I had to use force to keep her out, and she made an ass of herself. — Hard times. Sent $10 to sister in N.Y. — In the orders I have been installed as Sec. in Clay st no. 101 F. & A. M. Per. Sec. in Olive Lodge no. 81 I.O.O.F. Scribe in Auburn Encampment no. 20 I.O.O.F. and Sec. and Financier in Loyal Council no 28 Mutual Friends of the Pacific, Also. Tres. in Golden Rule R.L. Lodge no. 68 I.O.O.F. with the usual festivities

" 17 Cold weather last week, and a snow storm today — Phil. Nicholls is home from San Fran & expected to die soon, Mrs. A. Barrett very sick.

" 24 Big rain and high wind most all the past week — Died, the 20th Mrs. A. Barrett, aged 54 Married in S.F. the 16th W. S. Barrett & Nettie Mallows of Dutch Flat. — Sent sister $2.10.

1886

Jan 31st " Beautiful weather last week.
My cow had a calf the 26th " Female -
Philip Nicholls, aged 59 - died, and was buried
the 27th " - Large funeral. = Wife of W. H. Nelson
very sick, after having a baby.
Feb 7th " Beautiful weather last week, and
the agitation has started. A Tawles
house, at the switch burned last night.
Mrs Mathews was at Marysville last week
and came home last night - The Polar Star
mine has shut down.
Feb. 15th " Fine clear warm weather, but we
had a little on the 7th " - Joel Brandy, drap
dead at San Jose Cal., aged 54 - resident here
where he was buried on the 12th " - Chicken
shooting most every day last week.
Feb. Fine weather all last week. Died, at Gold
Run the 17th " Miss Anna Barrett aged about 25 -
and on the 19th " Miss Minnie F. Jones. " 18.
attended funeral of the latter today, at Gold Ru
Dull times and but few mines running - O
Friday evening last I was elected at diligat
attend the Anti league Chinese, state conven
at Sacramento on March 10th.
Mch. 7th " Last two weeks stormy, Snow an
rain. The Anti Chinese agitation seems
be general on the Pacific coast; and there
League here of about 100, and I am elected
attend a state convention at Sacramento
the 10th " to devise ways and means to rid th
country of the Chinese. J. H. Runkel is a
delegate, and we expect to attend, he to the San
adjourned convention to met at Sac. on the 10th
the expectation that the two conventions
amalgomate. Weather good today.
Mch. 14th " Variable weather, cool, snow & rain showers, and
sun shine - was 4 days at Sacramento last week attending
anti Chinese State convention, and got home last night.
Mostly a set of cranks, Swift the le
of the convention

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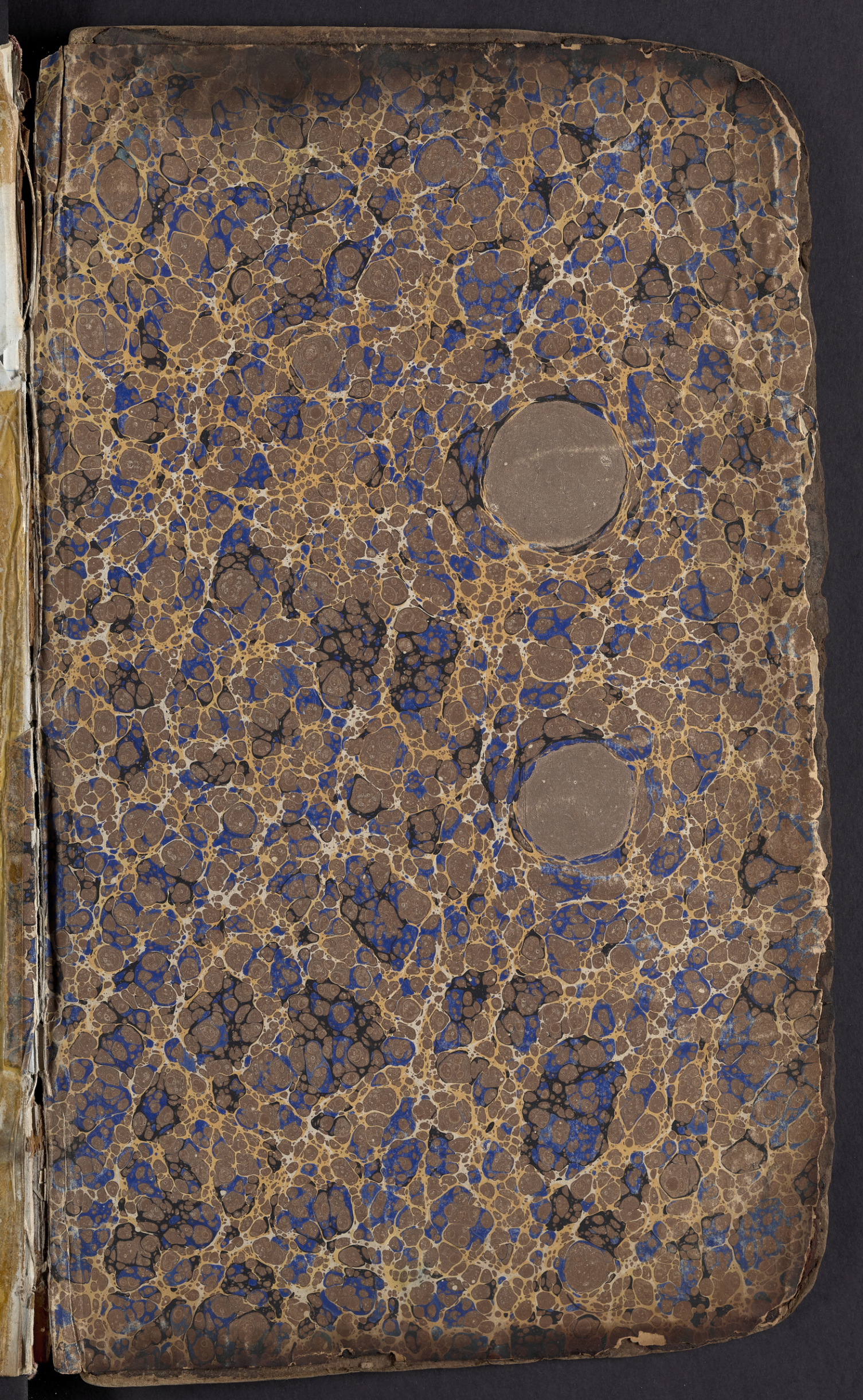
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